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Treasury suffers £2bn revenue shortfall

Bootleggers force Brown's Budget hand

By Philip Webster, political editor

GORDON BROWN is to unveil a tougher-than-expected Budget after being hit by a £2 billion shortfall in revenue, much of it because of tobacco smuggling.

The Chancellor of the Exchequer is expected to announce an investigation into the operation of Customs and Excise after officials told him that he was losing more than £1 billion in duty a year through organised cigarette smuggling.

The worldwide drop in oil prices will also mean the loss of several million pounds in revenue.

Mr Brown's room for manoeouvre next Tuesday is believed to have been severely curtailed by the shortfall, which was not reflected in the healthy January borrowing figures that encouraged speculation about a generous Budget.

The Treasury has been alarmed by such reports, because the good January figures did not take account of the lost Excise revenue. Treasury insiders are urging caution and one said: 'The Chancellor keep to his golden rule that tax revenues have to cover current spending and that the public finances should remain in surplus for the next four years. If the revenues are lower than expected, it means that the amount we spend will not be as

That means hopes of much higher public spending emerging from the Budget are likely to be dashed. The allocations made to ministers in last year's comprehensive spending review are not under threat, but requests to Mr Brown for extra spending this year may fall on deaf

It also remained uncertain last night whether Mr Brown would go ahead with his long-promised plan to introduce a 10p income tax rare next week. Most analysts had expected him to do so and to help to finance the change through cutting

or wiping out the remaining 10 per cent of mortgage interest relief, the Chancellor is still believed to want to tax child benefit, although

A handshake carefully staged for the cameras marked the end of one of the longest political feuds in British politics on Saturday night

(Shirley English writes). Robin Cook and Gordon Brown officially buried the hatchet after barely speaking to each other socially for 20 years.

The truce was called at a party at Livingston Football Club to mark the Foreign Secretary's 25th anniversary as an MP. The two ministers shook hands while Mr Cook's Gaynor, and Sarah friend, looked on. A few words of mutual admiration cemented the

reconciliation.

practical difficulties over the principle of independent taxation mean that he is unlikely to do so this year. He may, however, set a target date to start taxing the benefit paid to all

mothers. The Government has been shocked by the rise in tobacco smuggling. Professional crime syndicates are moving to cigarenes because the authorities have been more successful in stopping drugs

smuggling. Container-loads of cigarettes are being brought through the ports withithe result that one in eight cigarettes smoked in Britain is smuggled, according to government sources. Without a tip-off, Customs officers have little hope of stopping the trade and the loss to the revenue is likely to double within three years unless something can be done to check the trade.

To that end, Mr Brown is to appoint a senior figure from industry to take charge of efforts to clamp down on the illegal trade. His remit will include an overall look at Customs and Excise operations to see whether staff and resources are being deployed in the right way.

Mr Brown has, however, rejected calls to cut tobacco taxation as a way of deterring smuggling, and the cost of a packet of cigarettes is likely to rise by 20p to an average E3.64. Increasing the tax on smoking in part of the Government's health policy.

The new anti-smuggling chief stamping cigarette packets with their countries of origin and the feasibility of equipping ports with gi-ant X-ray machines to inspect con-

Sources said the investigation would be rigorous and more officials are expected to be assigned to

dealing with cigarettes. "We are are unlikely to put money into Customs unless we are absolutely satisifed that the money is being properly spent. The situation is deeply alarming. Some 2 per cent of the market was smuggled in 1996. That figure has gone up to 10 per cent in two years."



Sarah Macaulay and Gordon Brown at the celebration to mark Robin Cook's 25 years as an MP

Scottish **Parliament** to sideline the Queen

BY ALAN HAMILTON

BUCKINGHAM Palace is dismayed by the Queen's limited role for the ceremonial opening of the Scottish Parliament. Edinburgh has been riven by argument over the extent of the Queen's participation, with some nationalist voices wanting her to have only a mini-mal walk-on part. Now, after months of bickering.

a compromise has been reached; she will travel in the Scottish State Coach in a horse-drawn procession from the Palace of Holyroodhouse up the City's Royal Mile, but her part in the opening ceremony is ex-pected to be a few formal words. The day's main event will be a "people's procession".

Traditionalists want her to wear the robes of the Order of the Thistle, Scotland's equivalent of the Garter, but that has yet to be decided. Many Scots were offended when, in 1953, she made her first official visit to their country after the Coronation wearing ordinary day clothes

and carrying a handbag. Nor has it been agreed what ceremonial role will be given to the country's Crown Jewels, normally displayed in Edinburgh Castle. Some want them carried at the end of the procession from Holyroodhouse. At the annual State Opening of Parliament at Westminster the Imperial State Crown is borne in its own coach.

Palace officials are considering a greater role for the Princess Royal, already the Royal Family's most heavy programme of public engage ments. But the Palace yesterday dismissed as "wholly wrong" a report that she would establish a permanent office at Holyroodhouse.

Sources also rejected a sugges tion that the Queenwould appoint a

Private Secretary for Scotland. The Royal Family does not take Scotland - or for that matter Wales - for granted," a Palace source said yesterday. "... Scotland and Wales are important domestic issues and we will be looking closely at how the union develops.

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General in poll lead

Amid widespread allegations of vote-rigging. Olu Falae refused to accept the victory of General Olusegun Obasanjo in the Nigerian presidential election.

International observers reported many irregularities and the country's transition from dictatorship to democracy was at risk as members of Mr Falae's All People's Party stormed out of the electoral commission offices during counting.....Page 12

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Owen and Healey will mount anti-euro drive

By PHILIP WEBSTER, POLITICAL EDITOR

DAVID OWEN and Denis Healey, veterans of the last Labour government, will return to the political front line today to present a challenge to the Government's move towards Along with Lord Prior, the

Heathite former Tory Cabinet

minister, and leading business-men, they will join forces in a powerful new group billed as pro-European but opposed to Britain abandoning sterling. Their move comes the day after William Hague hardened his party's stance against the

euro and made plain that he would be happy to be at the forefront of any anti-euro cam-The Conservative party leader brushed aside the announce-

ment by five Europhile Tories that they would stand against the party in June's European elections and, in what was seen as a warning to Kenneth Clarke and Michael Heseltine, said that any Tory MPs

The first edition Beano.

complete with mask

failing to back official candidates would be "out on their ear." He also announced a policy commission of economists and experts to study the advantages of keeping the pound. Mr Hague dismissed the newly formed Pro-Euro Conservative Party as a "sour grapes" party because two of the leaders had been deselected.

Peter Riddell. Leading article.

Tony Blair's perceived shift towards the euro as he launched the national changeover plan last week has given new urgency to today's launch. Lord Healey, the last Labour Chancellor before Gordon Brown, yesterday delivered a warning that the euro could crash before Mr Blair was called upon to make a deci-

sion. Imposing a single interest rate and exchange rate meant the project was doomed

to failure, he said. Lord Prior, a former Northern Ireland Secretary and Employment Secretary and former chairman of GEC. issued a warning that monetary union could mean heavier social, labour and pension costs and that Britain should "give

it a miss' He said that he was sad to be in the opposite camp to his old friend and boss, Edward Heath. "But it is because I felt so strongly about this I decided it was time to stand up and

Lord Owen, former Labour Foreign Secretary, declared that he wanted Britain to remain self-governing. He will lead the New Europe group, to be launched in London this morning. He said he believed in the EU and single market, but did not want to be "dragged into a single state".

Straw returns to more controversy

By Claudia Joseph and Philip Webster

THE Home Secretary will be and calls for his resignation. back at his desk today after disappearing for 72 hours at the height of the controversy over the Stephen Lawrence inquiry report

Having evaded the media during his weekend in the south of France, Jack Straw will return to new claims of bungling in the Lawrence case



But his most pressing task will be the publication of another critical report on race relations in the police force, published by Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary. Instead of facing MPs him-

self. Mr Straw left his deputy. Paul Boateng, to make an emergency statement to the Commons apologising for the "serious and regrettable" errors which led to publication of the names and addresses of police informants in the

Macpherson report. Yesterday Sir Norman Fowler, the Shadow Home Secretary, said Mr Straw should be "considering his position". The Home Secretary should have been in Britain, offering reassurance to witnesses and checking that they had not been placed in danger, Sir Norman claimed.

The Inspectorate of Constabulary report today is expected to castigate forces for not doing enough to combat racism a Continued on page 2, coi 8

main anonymous, is a 70-year-old man

from the West Country whose son galva-

nised him into action after watching a tele-

vision programme about the value of old

comics. The comic was bought for him by

his mother for the princely sum of two old

"In those days, a comic was a completely

throwaway item and nobody would have

thought of keeping them, which is why they are so rare. This owner hadn't been

keeping it as an heirloom. It had just been

sitting up in a loft gathering dust."

Euan Kerr, today's Beano editor, said:

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Beano original sells for £6,000 The original owner, who wishes to re-

By Hannah Betts

DENNIS the Menace and the Bash Street Kids were mere twinkles in the cartoonist's eye when the first edition of the Beano was published in 1938. Instead, Big Eggo the ostrich ruled the roost, a character long since consigned to comic history.

Lord Snooty is the only relic from 1938 to have lasted into the 1990s and only the boy aristocrat and his pals could now afford the original edition, which sold at auction yesterday for £6,200, the largest sum ever paid for a comic in Britain.

The proud owner is Oliver Driscoll. 25.

from Matlock, Derbyshire, a cameraman who grew up on the exploits of Dennis the Menace and Gnasher. After a battle of nerves in the auction room, Mr Driscoll felt he had got excellent value for money.

"It's brilliant," he enthused, holding back tears of emotion. "I've always been a big fan of the Beano and a first edition is something I've long since had my eye on."

The comic, dated July 30, 1938, is one of only six copies of the first edition known to be in existence. Its value was boosted because it came with the only known surviving Whoopee mask, a cover-mount given

Lords commission expected to stumble over tight deadline

By James Landale Political Correspondent

THE Royal Commission on House of Lords reform meets today for the first time amid growing criticism of its membership and timetable.

The 12-member body headed by Lord Wakeham, the former Tory minister, is expected to hammer out its work programme for the coming months and hold an initial discussion of the potential options for radical constitutional change.

The Commission has been or-

dered by the Government to report by the end of the year. If successful, the Commission will have been the shortest ever and will have solved in exactly 10 months, a thorny constitutional riddle which has remained unanswered for more than

Constitutional experts believe the tight deadline means the Commission will not have time to think radically and will, instead, propose con-servative reforms which are acceptable to the Government.

Concerns have also been raised

privately in the Lords over the dis-tinguished but hardly radical membership of the Commission. Comprising nine men and three wom-en, it includes Lord Hurd of Westtary, Lord Butler of Brockwell, the former Cabinet secretary, and Sir Michael Wheeler-Booth, a former

Clerk of the Parliaments. The chief fear is that the Commission will simply follow the lead given by the Government in its recent White Paper and propose a mostly appointed second chamber with a modest, indirectly elected element.
"Whether the Royal Commission
will be influenced in that direction remains to be seen." Lord Richards, the sacked Labour leader in the Lords, said last week. "I hope it

will resist that temptative."
Writing in Bristol University's latest newsletter, Donald Shell, senior lecturer in politics and leading ex-pert on the Lords, said: "One does wonder how serious an exercise the Commission and the chairmanship of Lord Wakeham is intended to be. Giving the task to a bunch of busy ings between now and the end of the year implies that ministers want a solution to the House of Lords' problem, rather than any serious reflection on the role of the sec-ond chamber in the context of other constitutional reforms underway." Some peers believe that if the Royal Commission does tome up with radical proposals unacceptable to the Government, its report will sim-

ply be ignored. Lord Carter, the Chief Whip in the Lords, said last week during a debate on reform,

that there would be "no question" of the Royal Commission being

He added, however: "No govern-. ment is bound by the conclusions of a royal commission. We cannot predict that the outcome of the Commission's work will be wholly acceptable to the Government."
Mr Shell believes that if the so-called Weatherill Amendment tem-

porarily saving 91 hereditary peers from expulsion survives, the Gov-ernment would be very tempted to ignore the Royal Commission's al. appointed second chamber to become the long-term status quo. The amendment, expected to be tabled next month, when the first stage House of Lords Bill expelling hereditary peers reaches the Lords, was a government compromise to buy off Tory Peers threatening Parliamentary trench warfare.

The Commission will meet initial-y for a buffer lunch today at its Vestminster offices in London.

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Jay faces row on change in rape evidence

By Frances GIBB, LEGAL CORRESPONDENT

Baroness Jay of Paddington. was last night at the centre of a row over government plans to reform the admissibility of women's sexual history as evidence in rape trials.

The proposals are shortly to be considered by the House of Lords. They are opposed by both the Lord Chief Justice. . Lord Bingham of Cornhill. and the organisation Women against Rape - for conflicting

The controversy has been fuelled by the disclosure that the Government's own Wornen's Unit, headed by Lady Jay. says that there are times when a woman's sexual history may be relevant. In particular, the unit says that it could be relevant to whether a man thought a woman had consented to sex or not — the attack-er's defence that he "thought she wanted it".

The Women's Unit says: "A defendant might claim that he believed the complainant was consenting because he had been told that she always kicked and screamed during sex. This would be relevant to

his honest belief." The disclosure, in a letter to Women Against Rape, has outraged and dismayed the group, which argues that the Home Secretary's proposals give wide latitude for a womted. Under present law, a man cannot be convicted of rape if

THE Minister for Women. he honestly believed a woman consented. This is based on a

ruling in 1976. in a reply to the Women's Unit. Women against Rape condemn the failure by Lady-Jay to meet their request backed by 200 organisations - to support a ban on questions about sexual history in rape trials. "How can rape victims expect protection if after two decades of campaigning

for protective laws, the Women's Unit - which is supposed to represent their interests helieves rapists' lies over wornen's evidence?" the pressure group says. "Rapist after rapist has been allowed to walk free after claiming that the victim he had beaten black and blue loved 'rough sex' ." Jack Straw's proposals seek

to curb judges' discretion on admitting as evidence a woman's sexual history. But judges would be able to admit such material where it is evidence of a man's belief in consent. Women Against Rape say that this means the protection which the proposals appear to give would evaporate. They want tighter restrictions.

The Lord Chief Justice is arguing that what is admitted should be at the discretion of the trial judge, as now. The Bill will also stop defendants cross-examining their victims, a move opposed by the Lord Women Against Rape. Ruth Hall, of Women

against Rape, said: "This is a false protection. Most rapists are represented by barristers who are more skilled than themselves in humiliating and discrediting victims." The is-sue was not who asked the questions, but what questions were asked, she added. "Many countries now ban sexual history evidence. None makes an exception for a man who claims he believed that a woman who was kicking and

screaming was consenting."
The proposals are contained in the Youth Justice and Criminal Evidence Bill and are expected to debated by peers at the Bill's Report stage.
The Women's Unit says that

Lady Jay shares the concern of Women against Rape that "irrelevant evidence about complainants' previous sexual history should be kept out of sexual offence trials". The Lord Chief Justice wish-

es to retain the discretion that judges currently have on whether sexual history be allowed; but Women against Rape argue that the Government's proposals create a huge ateway for sexual history to be admitted. Lord Thomas of Gresford has highlighted the fundamental flaw in the Bill that "in almost every case where the defence is one of consent, there will be an additional defence that, even if the comfendant reasonably believed that she did consent".



Errol Kerr loves figures so much that he is able to recognise video films by the serial numbers that flash up

HE HAS a photographic memory, can count to ten in five languages including Swahili, recognises videos by their serial number, has an IQ of

150 - all at the age of three. Errol Kerr. who has just started nursery school, has astonished his family and teachers. His parents, Alison, and Steven, are desperately trying to keep up with their son's insatiable appetite for knowl-

Mrs Kerr. 33, from South ent when he was just a baby. "He was very demanding. I

Boy has genius figured out at 3

could only feed him or dress him when I played certain kinds of music. It was if the words were registering with him. When he was about 12 onths I used to put Disney videos in the recorder for him. they were before they came on the television I tried to do it

without showing him the cover, but he still knew what it was, it was then I realised that he was recognising the serial number that flashes up before the trailers start.

Before he was two he on the road. He would say There's a Nissan' or There's a Volvo'." Tests showed that Errol had an IQ level in reading and comprehension of 150, equivalent to that of an

eight-year-old.
The local authority has assigned education experts to monitor the boy's progress. A spokesman for South Tyneside Education Authority said: "Errol has outstanding

Mrs Kerr, a computer operator who has two other children, said: "I don't know tainly doesn't take after me or my husband." -

Cars end sales rush confusion by T-time

BY MICHAEL PATERSON

QUTET motoring revolution took place today as T-time ar-rived early. T-reg number-plates were being introduced only seven months after S-reg

In recent years, a quarter of new car sales have been in the first few days of August, the month for new registration letters since 1967. But car industry representatives had complained that manufacturers had to stockpile cars and could not guarantee to give customers the best service in the annual late summer scramble.

The Government is allow-ing new registration plates to be released in March and September. The new letter is the first step in the overhaul of the traditional car registration system, which will switch to a continental-style regional identification system by 2001.

Those who covet the latest etter seemed unaware of the impending change yesterday. Since 1992, Dees, a large Ford showroom in Croydon, South London, has marked the arrival of new letters by opening at midnight, sometimes with a steel band. Last night it stayed

One of its salesmen, Jason Chuter, said: "More than half the people looking for a new car this weekend didn't even know the T-reg was about to

He said that it was too cold for midnight celebrations, which would probably return in September.

The move to a twice-yearly letter change, which is being paid for by manufacturers af ter they requested the move, vehicles over the year, according to experts.

Police investigate MoD hacker claim

SCOTLAND YARD'S Fraud Squad is investigating allegations that a hacker has succeeded in breaking into secret military installations in Britain (Michael Evans writes).

Fraud Squad officers who are responsible for investigating offences against the Computer Misuse Act began inquiries after suspicions that several "international sites", including military installations, had been targeted by a hacker. Scotland Yard confirmed that an investigation was under way but refused to give any more information.

Ministry of Defence sources firmly denied a report that a and had altered its course. The MoD's Skynet 4 satellites provide secure communications for all British Armed Forces overseas. Until last week there were four such satellites in orbit. Last week a fifth satellite was launched on an Ariane rocket at the European Space Centre in French Guiana. MoD sources said all the Skynet satellites were "on course and denied that a hacker had tried to interfere with them. A Sunday Business report

claimed that the MoD had had to report that one of its satellites had been taken over by a hacker. The MoD sources hacker had managed to take control of one of Britain's milisaid the satellites were immune from hacking.

IRA weapons will not be forfeited, say chiefs

BY MARTIN FLETCHER. CHIEF IRELAND CORRESPONDENT

SINN FEIN'S leaders empharically ruled out IRA disarmament vesterday as several thousand supporters attended a Belfast rally to demand their party's immediate and unconditional inclusion in Northern Ireland's new government.

"There's not even the remotest possibility of the IRA responding to this unilateral demand ... for the surrender of the IRA," Martin McGuinness, Sinn Fein's chief negotiator, told the BBC.

He added that Unionists were "unable to accept that in the course of 30 years they

hadn't the ability to militarily defeat the IRA"

Mitchel McLaughlin, Sinn Fein's more moderate chairman, issued the same defiant message at the afternoon rally. He accused Unionists of fighting a rearguard action against change and nationalist empowerment, and said their veto on full implementation of the Good Friday Agreement had to be removed.

"We are sick, sore and tired of [Unionists] blocking, stall-ing, prevaricating, making deals then backing out of deals and constantly trying to rewrite the Good Friday agreement." he said.

The Government has set Wednesday week as a target date for transferring power to Northern Ireland. That will not happen unless the new executive has been set up but David Trimble, the Ulster Unionist Party leader, will not set up an executive that includes Sinn Fein without a downpayment of IRA weaponry. Mr McLaughlin insisted Sinn Fein was committed to contributing to building trust, but any capitulation to Unionist de-

mands would be a betrayal.

Straw family take flights on cheap

THE Home Secretary and his wife, Alice, who earn more than £150,000 between them and run three houses, saved E360 by flying to the south of France on the budget airline easvJet.

Easylet's most expensive flights, from Luton to Nice. cost £129 each way but Mr. Straw. who earns £87.851. booked the tickets before Christmas at a discount price of E39 each.

Like the other passengers on the two-hour cut price flight, the couple, who have been married for 20 years, were not offered a meal on the aeroplane, just crisps, biscuits and

hot and cold drinks, it is the second time the couple have saved money on airline flights. Last week's Register of Members' Interests disclosed that

the Straw family obtained an upgrade to club class on their British Airways flights to and from Delhi over Christmas, saving them £8.280. Mr Straw, 52, who has been an MP since 1979, and his wife, who is the second most

senior civil servant in the Department of Health, enjoy a comfortable lifestyle. Mrs Straw, 49, earns between E75,210 and £109,420 as director of resources and service. They own three houses, including the family home in a fashionable square in London.

Straw back to face a new outcry

Continued from page 1 year after an initial report

found weaknesses. While Mr Boateng stood at the despatch box, Mr Straw and his wife Alice, a senior civil servant at the Department of Health, were in the middle of

a flight to the French Riviera. The couple bought their easyJet budget flight tickets in December, at a cost of £39 each way instead of £129, but chose not to change it despite the airline allowing passengers to change their flights for E10 plus the difference in seat

Instead they caught the 10.45am easylet flight from Lu-ton Airport to Nice, only informing a handful of White-hall officials where they were

going.
In a direct message to the black community. Tony Blair will today tell the New Nation newspaper that Britain is lag-ging behind the United States in its treatment of ethnic mi-

norities. "In all honesty, I don't think I can say that enough has been done to improve race relations in the UK, he says. Meanwhile the Bishop of

Stepney, the Rt Rev Dr John Sentamu, who was one of Sir William's inquiry team, said it took full responsibility for in-cluding informants details in the report's appendices.

Russian threat will cost RAF £1bn for new missile

By MICHAEL EVANS DEFENCE EDITOR

THE Ministry of Defence will spend £1 billion to replace one of the missiles selected for the RAF's Eurofighter in order to counter the threat of a new Russian air-to-air missile.

Western intelligence services have warned that the new Russian missile will be faster and have a longer range than the medium-range airto-air missile (AMRAAM) to be fitted to the Eurofighter. The RAF is buying 232 Eurolighters at a cost of £15 billion. The first are due to come into service in 2002.

Although a cash shortage has stopped work on the new Russian missile, it is feared that countries that have Russian fighters, such as China and India, may help fund the programme. Intelligence services be-lieve that it will take four years to finish developing the missile.

The British and other European defence ministries still try to stay ahead of Russian weapons technology because Moscow sells its arms to an increasing number of foreign cus-tomers. Defence sources stressed that the Eurolighter would still have a more sophisticated radar than the best Russian fighters, as well as better defensive systems and electronic warfare equipment.

However, the potential threat posed by the Russian missile is being taken so seriously that the Government is to approve the development of a superior weapon. The MoD is this week expected to ask for final bids for a missile that will able to hit a target at least 70 miles away.

The range of AMRAAM is only about 20 miles. The contract is expected to be awarded during the The choice to be made is between

a European collaboration involving, among others. British Aerospace and GEC, and an American system developed by the Raytheon company. makers of the AMRAAM.

The European missile, called Me-teor, would not be in operation until

on is offering an interim weapon sys-

Meteor, about three years later. missed Raytheon's interim missile

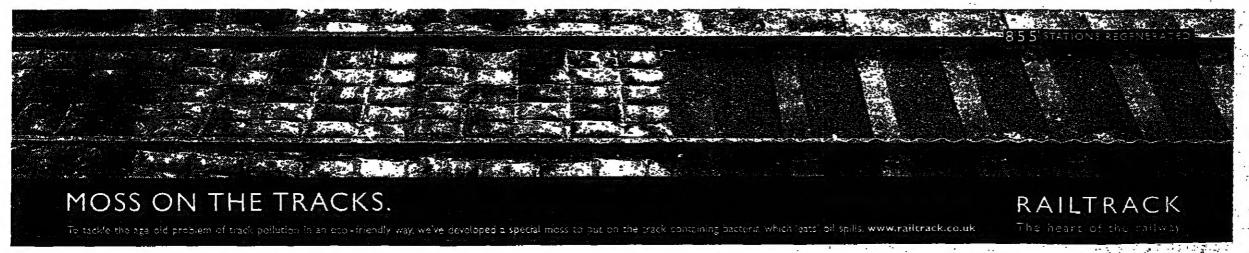
that if it chooses the Raytheon weapon, it could put at risk export sales of the Eurofighter because Congress in Washington has the power to veto about 2007, five years after Eu-

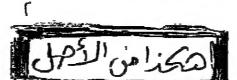
the sale of any aircraft armed with an American missile. Sources in the European consorti-

tem based on AMRAAM which um said the Meteor would have a could be ready by 2004 and a more advanced missile, comparable to the significantly better performance than the existing AMRAAM, using a German-designed ramjet propulsion system. They said the motor of the AMRAAM only functioned at The European consortium has distop speed for about seven seconds, after which the missile began to slow down, reducing its "killing" as "inadequate". The Government is being warned

> In recent clashes over Iraq, Iraqi MiG jets were able to outrun AM-RAAMs launched by American

ability at the far end of its maximum





Heading the ball is fool's game, says GP

eadline

BY IAN MURRAY MEDICAL CORRESPONDENT

HEADING the ball outside the penalty area should be banned to protect football players from brain injury, according to a GP who advises a league club. David Kernick, med-

ical officer to Exeter City. says that a rule change is needed immediately as evidence mounts that repeated heading may cause mental decline.

Writing in The British Journal of General Prac-nce, published today, Dr Kernick says it is estimated that there are over a million regular soccer players in Britain alone. in view of the huge numbers active in the sport round the world, if heading the hall caused even a slight amount of brain damage there would be significant public health CURSEQUENCES.

Although the dangers of serious head injury while playing the game are recognised, there is conflicting evidence about whether heading the half is hazardous.

A benefits tribunal in cottand last year rejected an appeal for compensation by Billy McPhail, a former Celtic star, who claimed that his pre-senile dementia was caused by frequently heading heavy leather balls. He scored a hat trick of headers when Ceibe beat Rangers 7-1 in the 1957 Scottish Cup Final and Sir Tom Figurey. giving evidence on his behalf told the tribunal: Billy was constanding in the air ... There's got to be a link between heading these balls and problems in later life."

A recent survey using terain scars on profesers found they did suffer real neurophysiological impairment Another ctudy of Norwegian amanor players published in The Laurer also found subtle changes in their

ability to reason. The Football Assocuntion's medical committer is to start a careerlong monitoring programme of 15 apprentices to see if heading the ball causes permanent damage. They will be reviewed every live years.

Dr Kernick says that it will be difficult to obtain clear evidence, but the latest studies do imply that heading poses a danger. He accepts that it would be impossible to ban heading altogether because it is an essential part of the game and "ofters an important dimension of play, particularly around the goalmouth".

However, because of the risks, he argues that a compromise may be acceptable. "There can be few global health proposals that cost nothing, are easy to implement and have the potential to confer benefit on such a large number of people."



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Title for men with world at their feet

THE first life-tile magazine for probessional footballers has been launched, filled with glossy advertisements for fast cars, country mansions and lumit vachie

The Players' Journal is distributed free to an elite of 1,000 men with a combined earning power of about C361 million. most of it highly disposable.

The advertisements sempe the Premiership's finest with playthings such as a yacht which cruises the Caribbean for \$87,500 a week, and a Fiat Autodelta car. which does 0-60 in 6.2 seconds and has a tup speed of 152mph. For the less playful, there is a modern mansion with almost as many buthrooms as bedrooms, costing \$1.9 million,

They are also adverts to attract the wives and girlfriends who help to spend the sevenfigure transfer fees and bonus-

Footballers do it by munbers" says the advertisement for Classic Nouveau Registrations, which offers personalised number plates such as FAS 7, 60 GO and MSNEY,

with prices up to 199,500. There are lots of glossy colpur pictures, mainly action shots of famous players from Bobby Charlton to Michael Owen, in the 130 pages of the bimouthly produced by the Professional Footballers Association. The cover boy is Davan idea of the tribulations of a rich and famous bothstler's life. A section headed "Can I thumphim" contains five payes of advice about how to tackle nosy reporters and photographers. A sports lawyer writes: Apart from the fleeting moment of pleasure that it may give, hitting a member of the pressor a photographer will al-

most certainly result in an action being taken against you." The Health and Fitness wetion has an introduction to the hamstring, complete with pictures of a masked surgeon, players being stretchered away in agony, and Alan Shearer warming up. (New issue: your pulse and what it's

telling you. An article headlined "Villas go top" gives tips on how to arrange a sunshine break in a remore villa, because "luxury. privacy and independence score highly in your list of holiday priorities". Another feature asks: "What

sort of player is the ad man's dream?" After five pages of consideration, the author concludes: "Blend the skill and application of Kenny Daiglish and the flair and high profile of George Best, and you have the ad man's dream."

The Players' Journal itself is the real ad man's dream. The magazine is being delivered through the doors of all PFA

id Beckham. The articles give members, and is the only way to target this highly incrative niche market. The readership is about 10,000.

Not everything is decadence and pleasure in a footballer's world HSBC Personal Disability Insurance has an adverlisement showing a player on a stretcher with the ironic headline "A great future."

Next to the "Can I thumb him?" feature is an advertisement for automated gates, and a few pages later is one for bod-Ken Bruce, chief executive of

Futures In Sport, which has taken a two-page spread for management training courses, thinks The Players Journal may have too many pages. The majority of footballers seem to have a very low boredom threshold," he said. "They don't seem the sort of people to sit down and read a

130-odd page magazine."
While it is easy to imagine a footballer's girlfriend such as Victoria "Posh Spice" Adams browsing through the advertisements, the magazine may leave a Third Division player struggling to pay the mort-gage feeling a little cold. Michael Tait, whose Proper-

ty Hunters service finds homes for people who are rich and busy, said it was a "fair assumption" that none of his cli-ents played for Leyton Orient

Shearer scores over the tycoons

BY DOMINIC KENNEDY

ALAN SHEARER, the England and Newcastle striker, is reported to be Britain's highest earning footballer, with 1775 million a year including a long-term 120 million boot deal with Umbro.

The wages and salaries bill of the Pre-mer League was £218 million, accord-ing to the latest Deloitte Touche survey. while even the journeymen of the Thurd Division received £18 million.

Footballers' carnings have been rising rapidly, by more than 25 per cent a .

year, and the figure for this season is likely to be considerably higher.

The Deloitie Touche survey put the to-tal wage bill of the 92 league clubs at E361 million, but that excludes the spon-sorship deals which can increase a player's cash carnings fivefold. Well-known players from all divisions often have to pay nothing for lumines as sponsors levish them with designer buots, such, shirts and even sports cars.

Manchester Und spent (2) million on salaries. Newcastle United £17 million. Arsenal and Liverpool El5 million each. Hardepool United spent 0503,000. Paul Gasenigne is reputed to earn £13.5 million a year. David Beckham £9.4 miltion. Michael Owen L7 million.

The basic salary of a chief executive in the FTSE 100 is £428,000, although that is boosted to £617.000 with his airmual bonus and long-term incentive plan. Charles Brads of the global investment service AVIVES entris £25 miltion a year. The Prime Minister cut-£102.750 on top of his MI's salary of 145.000 talthough Tons Blair chooses to draw just over the LACO.

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Spice babies 'at | risk of deafness'

BY IN MURRAY, MEDICAL CORRESPONDENT

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THE Specy Girls that hier are in that if you have to speak loudis to be understood, that noise environment is preentially dangermas to your hearing and

your infant's hearing." Linda Frazier, of the University of Konsas, said that human studies had shown that the loss of hearing among children of women who worked in noisy places was enough to make it difficult for them to hear teachers at school and presibly cause learning difficulties.

As many as \$40 children

born in Britain each year have a significant hearing impairment. The National Deaf Chidran's Society said that the prob-lem was not noticed in half of the children until they were 18 months old, and that it was me noticed diagnosed in a quarter of them until they were? Thousands more suf-fer hearing less through illness of accident. As many as a quarter of fine-sear-olds have loss hearing as a result of ear

Thin Red Line defies US attack

By SHIRLEY ENGLISH

WAR is being waged over the title of the American film The Thin Red Line, which went on general release this weekend. Concern has been expressed that the phrase which described British troops in the Crimean War will be lost to Hollywood's definition in the minds of young muriegoers.

The director Terrence Malick's three-hour war epic, starring Sean Penn and Nick Note: tells of an American attempt to capture the Pacific island of Guadalcanal from the

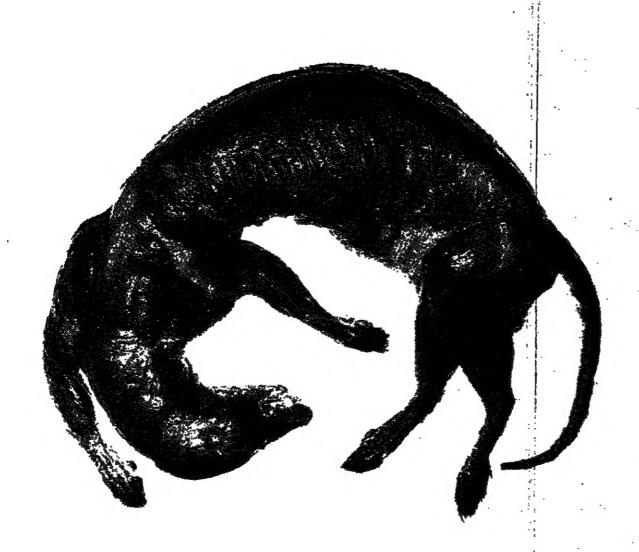
Impaniese forces in 1942.

The film's publicity antibutes the titles origin to an old saying from the American Mid-West: "There is only a thin red line between the same and the mad," Britons hold that the phrase originated with The Times war correspondent Sir William Howard Russell, who used it to de-scribe the 93rd Sutherland Highlanders at the Bank of Balaclava on October 25, 1854. Forming a two-deep defensive line to repel the Russian advance, he said in his dispatch that their scarlet tunies appeared as a "thin red streak topped with a line of steel". The phrase "the thin red

line" was fater auributed to him and the regiment, now the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders, adopted it as its own. Despite the regiment abandoning red tunics for dark green jackets and Black Watch tartan kilts, the phrase remains the title of the regimental magazine. The event inspired one of the best known 19th-century banle paintings. The Thin Red Line by Robert Gibb. the Scottish artist.

Ton Hall of Thin Red Line, a shirtmaker in Savile Row. London, which supplies the military, said yesterday: "We are proud of the historical and British connotations of our name and naturally it is of some concern to us that as a result of the Terrence Malick film the phrase will be widely

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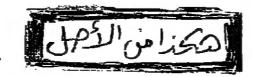
eal fur. It's to die for. In fact, every year tens of thousands of mink do, on fur farms throughout the UK. In the wild, mink establish territories of over a kilometre, where they climb, dive and swim. On farms, they are confined in rows of tiny cages. In such restricted conditions mink show abnormal behaviour. There are instances of fur-biting and even self-mutilation. We at the RSPCA believe that this is cruel. Nevertheless, there are still those who would kill for a real mink coat. The preferred method of slaughter on most farms is to gas the mink. On March 5th, the MP Maria

Eagle's Bill to ban fur farming in the UK will be debated in the Commons. A new opinion poll revealed that 74% of the British public support a ban on fur farming. If you're part of this majority please write to your MP urging them to attend the House on March 5th and to vote in favour of the Bill. Then next season we might see fur coats where they belong. On the backs of their original owners.



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Fight fan dies as riot breaks out after bout

By MICHAEL PATERSON

A BOXING fan died after falling under the wheels of a coach while trying to escape fighting that broke out after a Commonwealth title bout. Violence raged around the ambulancemen as they tried to save the man's life.

The 31-year-old was carried into the coach for treatment but rioters, one swinging a chain above his head, forced their way inside. Windows were smashed and passengers assaulted while the ambulance-

men attempted to revive him. Fighting broke out between supporters after the Commonwealth middleweight title bout between Jason Lewis and Paul Jones at Oldham Sports Centre on Saturday. The conflict spilled out into the car park, where the man was fatally injured. He will be named today.

The ambulancemen, who asked not to be named, spoke of their horror at the fighting. One, who has 15 years experience, said: "It was the sheer level of violence that shocked us. It was a baying mob. Any-

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one else could have run away or defended themselves but we were there with a job to do. We were there to save someone's life and we couldn't just leave." His colleague, in his 40s,

said: "We are used to dealing [with situations] where vio-lence does occur, but not of this magnitude." The man who died had trav-

elled from London in the coach to watch the fight be-tween Jones, 32, of Sheffield, and Matthews, 28, from Hackney, East London. A sell-out crowd of about 1,000 saw Matthews win after Jones was disqualified by the referee, John Coyle, in the seventh round for continuous holding.

Greater Manchester Police are to examine the role that alcohol played in the night's events. Some witnesses reported that many fans had been drinking.

A spokesman for Frank Warren's Sports Network, which promoted the show, said that no comment would be made as the violence had not hap-

Murdered girl's body found in shallows By MICHAEL HARVEY

THE body of a 15-year-old girl was found in a lake by two boys skateboarding at the weekend. She had been mur-

The body of Rachel Glenn was discovered in the shallows at Charnwood Water in Loughborough, Leicestershire. She had disappeared on Wednes-

pened in the boxing arena. The British Boxing Board of

Control said: "We deeply re-gret this tragic loss of life of a young man who had come to

enjoy himself at a boxing tour-

nament. There had been no

trouble inside the hall and the

boxing that had taken place had been enjoyable and tobust-

ly supported, apart from a dis-

becoming more regular. The most recent outbreak was last

July, when fans of Michael

Smyth threw chairs and

punches as he lost to Gedff Mc-

Creesh in a British welter-weight title bout in Reading.

Some bouts may attract foot-

telligence Unit of the National

Criminal Intelligence Service has attended boxing matches, notably the light-middle weight

contest between Robert Mc-

Cracken, a Birmingham City

fan, and Steve Foster, a Man-

chester United fan.in 1994.

Violence at boxing bouts is

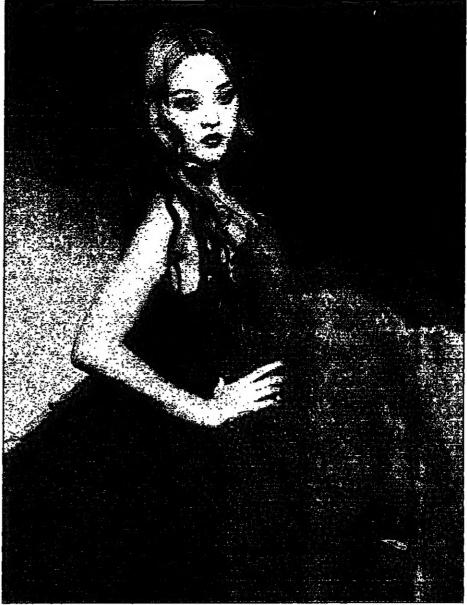
Police confirmed that Rachel died from drowning but said there were signs of a struggle and that head injuries may have been a contributory factor in her death.

The area was sealed off by police yesterday as divers searched the lake for clues. Officers also searched surrounding parkland.

Detective Superintendent

Bryan Warraker, who is leading the investigation, said Rachel had last been seen by friends on Wednesday but was only reported missing by her mother on Friday. He said: "It go off with her friends. On this occasion we were contacted when all the other checks her parents had done failed to locate her."

Police arrested an 18-yearold local youth yesterday in connection with the murder. Boxing, page 38 | He was being questioned at Loughborough police station



Devon Aoki, the 16-year-old London schoolgirl who has become a top model

Schoolgirl is a hit in fashion world

By DEBORAH BRETT IN MILAN AND CLAUDIA JOSEPH

DONATELLA VERSACE unveiled her Versus line last night at Alcatraz, the Milan nightclub, with the help of her

new muse Devon. Measuring in at a mere 5ft 6in, Devon Aoki, the 16-yearold London schoolgirl, is even shorter than Kate Moss, who at 5ft 7in was an exception to the catwalk height rule of at least 5ft 10in. With long lightbrown hair and hazel eyes. Devon has caught the eye of the fashion photographers Jürgen Teller and Steven Meisel, who featured her in Italian Vogue, and has landed the Chanel and Versus advertising campaigns as well as being a favourite of the designer Yohji Yamamoto.

She fits in modelling around her schoolwork and shot the Versus advertisements last week before returning to London to attend les-

sons for the rest of the week. Sarah Doukas, managing director of the model agency Storm, signed Devon after Miss Moss, another client spotted her in an American magazine. Ms Doukas. who knew Devon's parents previously, said: "She is one of the most successful girls in the world at the moment but is also very academic. The work she has done is exceptional.

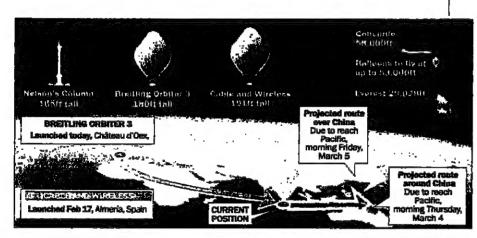
It is no longer seen as a hindrance for shorter girls to appear on the catwalk, as ciothes are always fitted to each model beforehand.

The search for a new face, a representation of the look a label wants to achieve, has gathered pace to the point where a new muse is now proclaimed EVERY SERSOIL

Devon, whose mother accompanies her on trips, seems unphased by all the attention. As a teenager she is more enamoured with skateboarding and bands than her modelling career.

Last night, after-show entertainment was provided by the Grammy award-winning Lenny Kravitz, who took to the stage for a one-hour concert.

Rivals on tail of Briton who designed their balloon



FROM HELEN RUMBELOW IN CHÂTEAU D'OEX

THE record-breaking balloonists Andy Elson and Colin Prescot are facing a challenge from a craft due to be launched in Switzerland today. It would be the first time two round-the-world attempts have been pitted against each other in the air.

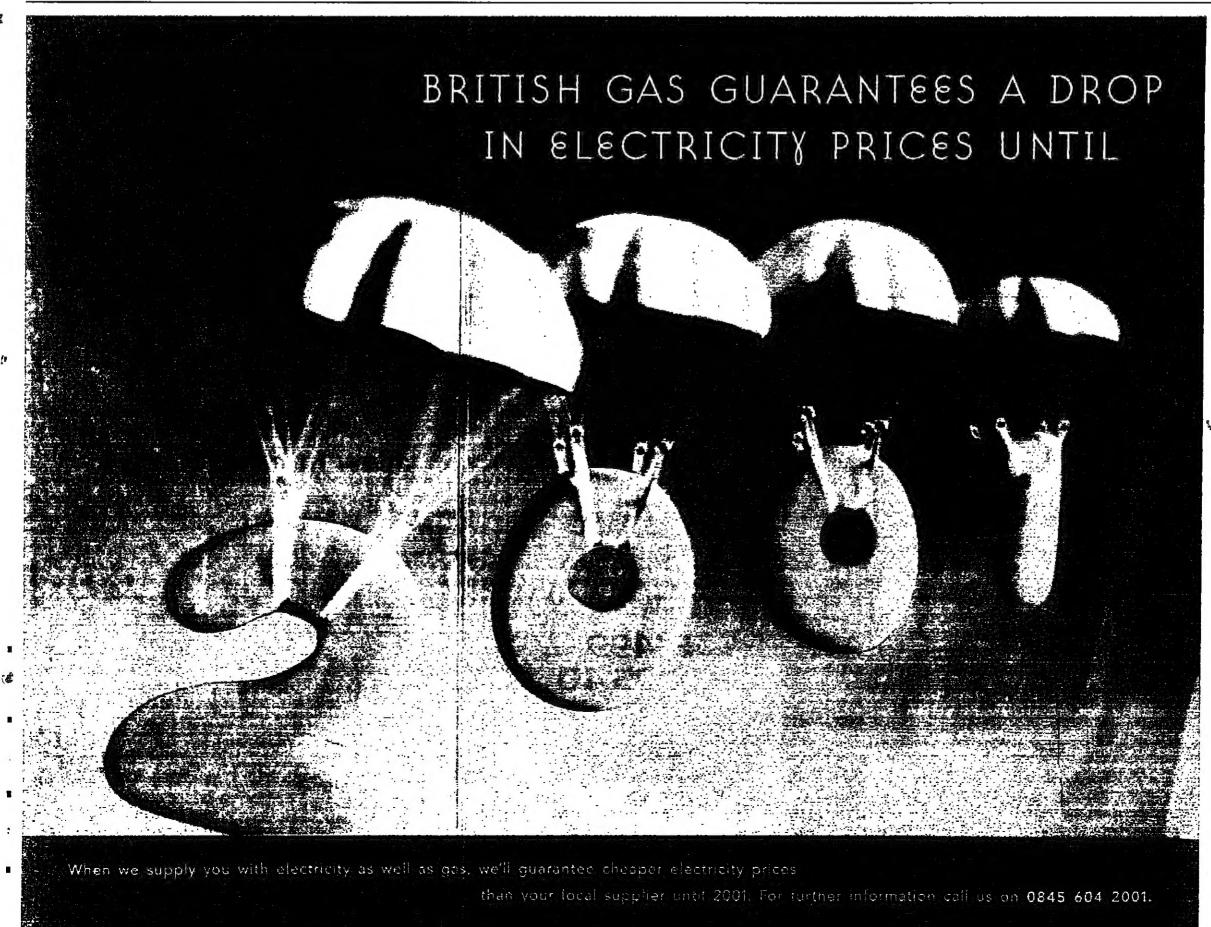
Bertrand Piccard, a Swiss psychiatrist, and Brian Jones, a British ballooning instructor, are attempting lift-off in Brei-tling Orbiter 3. Although Mr Elson and Mr Prescot have more than ten days' start, they are handicapped by being unable to catch the fast winds over China. All British-registered balloons were banned from China after Richard Bran-

son trespassed into its air space at Christ-mas. This has cost the Cable and Wireless team nearly a week as it made a detour. Mr Elson and Mr Prescot, who beat the world record of ten days in the air over Burma on Saturday, are moving at a frus-trating 25mph as they try to clear the Bay of Bengal without drifting north to China.

They predict they will reach the Pacific by Thursday at the earliest. Mr Piccard and Mr Jones aim to tail them into the Pacific by Friday and may overtake shortly afterwards if their winds are favourable.

Mr Elson has built his own possible Nemesis: the Breitling team is taking advantage of his balloon design from when he was its engineer and pilot last year. He spent nine days aloft with Mr Piccard, an attempt also thwarted by a Chinese ban. Although they are both balloon fanatics - Mr Piccard is the grandson of Auguste Piccard, who invented the modern balloon capsule — there was a person-ality clash and Mr Elson left Breitling soon after their crash landing last year.

His consolation in the present rivalry is that he left the Swiss team without the expertise to work his unique kerosene fuel system. The Breitling crew admits that Mr Elson's invention "offered an enormous advantage" but has been forced to switch back to the more conventional propane. This means that the Cable and Wireless team are carrying 25 days' fuel while Breitling has enough only for 21 days, because propane is heavier to store.



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TV presenter is critical after police accident

By Michael Harvey

THE award-winning broadcaster Sheena McDonald re-mained in a critical condition vesterday after being hit by a

The 44-year-old journalist suffered serious head injuries when she was knocked down just before midnight on Friday in Islington, North London, as the van was answering an emergency call.

Doctors at the University College Hospital in Euston said that Ms McDonald, a vereran presenter of Channel 4 News, The World This Week and BBC1's On The Record, remained in an intensive care

Her family was last night maintaining a bedside vigil at the hospital. Despite her injuries, it is understood that there are no immediate plans for Ms McDonald to undergo sur-

Ms McDonald began her career as a newsreader with BBC Radio Scotland. She spent eight years at Scottish Television before moving to London to begin work for Channel 4.

Stuart Cosgrove, the Scot-tish-based head of pro-grammes at Channel 4, said yesterday: "Sheena is a great stalwart of Channel 4 and an important broadcaster. All our

thoughts are with her and we hope she makes a speedy re-

Yesterday Alan Little, Ms McDonald's boyfriend, joined her family at the hospital after flying in from Moscow, where he is the BBC's correspondent. Mr Little, a former war reporter who has won awards for his coverage of the Gulf War and the war in Bosnia, has been with Ms McDonald for four

Gordon Brown, who was ro-mantically linked with Ms.Mc-Donald while they were at Edinburgh University in the 1970s and again in 1994, is also being kept informed of her condition. The Chancellor, who

McDonald: suffered

severe head injuries

Scotland Yard said that the driver, a 27-year-old constable, had been suspended from driving and that an investigation launched as part of standard Both the driver and his 30-year-old colleague were un-

way Road

☐ Thirty-eight people, including six police officers, died in accidents involving police vehicles in London over the six years to 1998. During the year 1997/98 there were 5,710 police accidents. Police officers were found to be at least partially at fault in more than 2000 of

spent the weekend in Scotland

with his fiancee. Sarah Macaulay, remains a close

Reports emerged in 1994

that the pair were seeing each other again before Mr Brown

began his relationship with Ms Macaulay, a public rela-

tions company executive, later

that year.

Ms McDonald, who chaired the judging panel for the Orange Fiction Prize last year,

was knocked down in St

John's Street, Islington, The

police van, which had its blue

lights flashing and siren on, was answering an emergency call to a fight on nearby Hollo-



A young Carry On fan admiring a poster of Kenneth Williams. His one-time co-star, Patsy Rowlands, said that the films "didn't have a deep meaning"

By Hannah Betts

A NEW generation is rebelling against new Labour's prissy nanny state by crying "Oooh, Matron!" and embracing the 31 politically incorrect films of the Carry On canon.

The academic Andy Medhurst told a conference at the National Film Theatre - a London venue better known for screening the classic films of An-drei Tarkovsky, Krzysztof Kieslowski and Akira Kurosawa — that the comedy classics had found themselves a new audience

"In Blair's Britain we're always being told to be decent upstanding citizens," said Dr Medhurst, a senior lecturer in media studies at Sussex Uni-

New generation falls for Carry On classics

versity. "It's no surprise that people turn to something that says Soil that. Let's get drunk and have a bit of a

grope and a laugh'.

What used to be the preserve of a working class audience has admired a cult status with a young, mainly middle-class, clientele.

"In the 1960s middle class youth held the films in contempt. On a Saturday night they'd all be off to the Hampstead Everyman to see the new Anto-nioni. Now there's been a post-modern shift and suddenly Carry Ons have

what we might call cultural capital."

Dr Medhurst was joined on stage by the Carry On actress Patsy Row-lands and photography director Alan Hume. Both said that their new fans look for too much meaning in the films. "Students do read so many things into it." said Ms Rowlands. "I

get letters asking What were you thinking when you said that line? The truth is I was probably thinking about what I'd be picking up from Sains-burys on the way home. It didn't have

a deep meaning."

But Andrew Spearman, 25, defended fans of his generation. "I don't think it's something we take too seriously. It's just a bit of fun — a Sunday afternoon thing that we all grew up with. There is an element of ironic appreciation, of course, but I wouldn't say it's the main factor.

☐ In May, Pinewood studios will cash in on the trend with its first official Carry On Day - a Carry On-style event in-volving coach parties and a buffet

Advertisers not amused by itcom's failure

By CAROL MIDGLEY, MEDIA CORRESPONDENT

ITV sefforts to attract the view. Pressure is building on ITV exers with a comedy based on a successful American series have failed to impress public and critics alike. Days like They swhich it had been hoped would end ITV's reputation for mediocre sitcoms, may

now be scrapped. Based on the top-ranking American series That 70s Show, it was made under the auspices of the US team Carsey-Werner, producers of Roseanne. It is set in 1976 and centres on a group of teenagers trying to circumvent the authority of their parents. In the American version they live in Wisconsin; in the British version, Luton. But critics say the

concept does not work on this side of the Atlantic. David Liddiment, ITV's director of programmes, com-missioned an initial 12 episodes with an option for ten more. However, it is now likely that the second batch will be cancelled and sources say the series may even be dropped before the end of its current run.

ecutives, as advertisers were promised the show would win audiences of up to 10 million. instead, fewer than six million people have tuned in.

The show, shown on Friday evenings, is so far absent from ITV's schedule for March 12 when BBC1 broadcasts Comic Relief. Insiders say executives fear its ratings may collapse when it is pitted against the popular fundraiser, and an edition of You've Been Fra to be shown instead.

An ITV source said: "It's difficult to see how it can last at this rate. The figures have dropped as low as four million at some points in the programme and the advertisers are not going to stand for that. In commercial television you have to deliver the goods but so far Days Like These has

failed to do that.".

£500,000 for first 2000 slot

By CAROL MIDGLEY MEDIA CORRESPONDENT

COMPANIES bidding to become the last television advertiser in this millennium and the first in the next could have to pay up to El million for the

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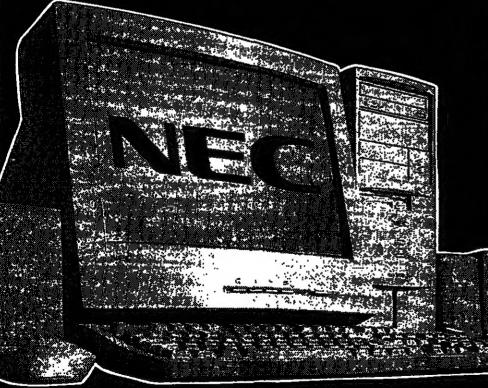
One advertiser, Abbey National, is known to have approached ITV stations three years ago to buy up the firstin-2000 slot. Another contendis Whitehall's publicity machine, the Central Office of

Information. Granada Media which handles advertising for five ITV areas, has been approached by about a dozen companies interested in secur-

ing advertisements.
Jo Brinkman, publicity offic-er, said: "A lot of people turn on their TVs to see Big Ben chime in the New Year and there is a certain amount of kudos about being first in 2000. We obviously want to maximise revenue as well as being fair."

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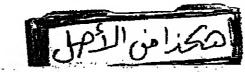
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Hague to seek ways of saving the pound

BY PHILIP WEBSTER, POLITICAL EDITOR

WILLIAM HAGUE hardened the Conservative Party's antieuro stance yesterday by announcing a policy commission to investigate keeping the pound and withdrawing from cross-party preparations for the single currency.

He warned senior Tories to campaign for the party's candidates rather than members of the new Pro-Euro Conservative Party in the forthcoming European elections. Under pressure because of poor poll ratings and further signs of Tory divisions on the issue. Mr Hague declared that anyone failing to back official candidates would be "out on their

Kenneth Clarke and Michael Heseltine have not denied reports that they met Tony Blair and Gordon Brown in advance of last week's public-ation of the National Changeover Plan for the euro. It is unlikely, however, that they would back non-official can-

Mr Hague's announcement of a policy commission, expected to be headed by a former Cabinet minister and containing economists and City experts, showed that he is ready to put himself at the head of the anti-euro campaign.

He said that the commission would assess how Britain could take fullest advantage of its own currency. "I'm going to make sure that the facts and the information and the debate is there, to make sure people really do have a choice."

He added in a reference to today's introduction of the New Europe group: "Other people in other parties, like David Owen, are going to join me in making sure that the country has a choice. I'm very happy to be on that side of the argument, so let battle com-

Mr Hague said the Conservatives would withdraw from the cross-party committee that

will oversee the National Changeover Plan examining how the euro could replace the pound, announced by Mr Blair last Tuesday, "The nature of that committee has changed. It is now to prepare for the introduction of the curo in Britain and to do so without having sought the consent of the voters ... I think that is wrong," he told BBC Radio 4's The World This Weekend.

David Davis, who until yesterday was the Tory member on the committee, said that it was about little more than trying to convince the public that the euro was inevitable.

"The Government should cision of the British people." he said. "It is constitutionally unsound and democratically improper. It is now clear that the Government's intention is that the pound is to perish. I will have no part of this."

The Pro-Euro Conservative

Party said that it would field at

least five candidates in the summer's European elections. its leaders John Stevens and Brendan Donnelly will be joined by two more former Tory MEPs, Paul Howell, who represented Norfolk for 15 years until 1994, and Andrew Pearce, Member for Cheshire West and Wirral for ten years until 1989; and a former journalist, Richard Bassett, Mr Pearce resigned from the Conservative list of candidates for the North West to join the new party. Mr Stevens said: "We are announcing our decision to stand as candidates in this year's European elections to assure Conservative voters that they will have a choice in June between the Euroscepticism offered by William Hague's candidates and a positive attitude

> Peter Riddell, page 20 Leading article and

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towards the euro."



Lord Owen, once backed by Lord Sainsbury of Turville, left, is now supported by Lord Sainsbury of P.

Trouble is in store as euro splits the Sainsbury family

THE emergence today of New Europe, the group opposed to Britain joining the single currency, confirms the political split in one of Britain's richest families. One of the financial backers of the cam-

paign is Lord (John) Sainsbury of Preston Candover, cousin of Lord (David) Sainsbury of Turville, the Science Minister, who gave up the post of chairman of the supermarket giant last year, having taken over from his older cousin John. When he joined Tony Blair's Govern-ment the 391-store group was left without a Sainsbury family member for the first

time in its 129-year history.

The dynasty has long been associated with politics. John's brother, Sir Tim Sainsbury, was a minister in the previous Tory Government; Six Tim's son-in-law is Shaun Woodward, Conservative MP for Witney, and a former Tory spin doctor.

But for David Sainsbury the birth of New Europe, under Lord Owen, may be an unhappy event. He, after all, is a close friend of David Owen and helped to

Minister will not be happy that cousin backs New Europe, writes Philip Webster

bankroll the Social Democratic Party in its early days; pro-Europeanism was one

of the party's guiding policies.
With the demise of the SDP and Labour's shift to electability, David Sainsbury became close to Mr Blair, gave large sums to the Labour Party, and ended up in the Government, in which he serves as an enthusiastic Europhile. His political rift with his cousin will

surprise few observers of the retail trade. The word has long been that they do not get on. John Sainsbury, a senior executive for a lengthy period during which it overtook Marks & Spencer as Britain's

most profitable relater, has been said to be a hard-headed autocrat. He was known for pacing his stores, checking that the produce was fresh, the cans stacked properly, and living the maxim he in-herited from his father: "Retail is detail." David, by contrast, was always regarded as quiet, thoughtful and approacha-ble. He was quoted at the time of his suc-

cession as saying of his cousin: "He loses his temper and I don't." David's father. Lord Sainsbury of Drury Lane, the grandson of the founders of the chain, died last year at the age of 96. He too was involved in politics, standing

as a Liberal candidate, joining Labour and then the SDP. The Sainsburys are proud of their record of supporting political initiatives. Their tastes are various. Last year a oneoff edition of Marxism Today thanked "James Sainbury for his very generous donation." James is the son of Sir Tim. His sister Camilla is married to Mr

THE OPPOSITION

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The multipullionaire businessman Paul Sykes formed movement from embers of Sir James Goldsmith's Referendum Party and is chairman. Ar Democracy Day this month supporters will be asked to "give a pound to save the pound".

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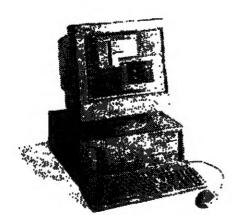
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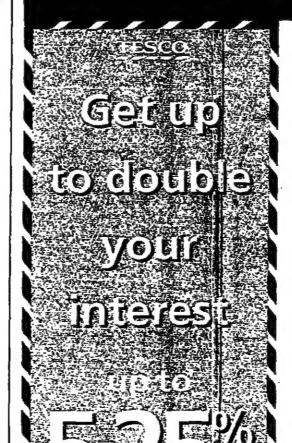
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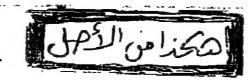
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Border row is putting Rock out of business

THE Spanish border guard amused his colleague with an animated joke, swapped cig-arettes and slowly sipped his coffee as the line of vehicles waiting to leave Gibraltar stretched further than he could see.

At the front of the queue Edward Franks had been waiting five hours to cross the frontier into Spain. Usually this is a formality but the self-employed businessman said: "Spain ap-pears to be at war with Gibraltar and nobody in Britain seems to have noticed."

When Mr Franks, 46, loses patience and asks the grinning guards to let him pass, they order his family out of the car. One guard takes out his penknife and jabs at the upholstery of the Franks' new Audi, looking for contraband and drugs. The other frisks Dany Franks, 7, who is forced to remove his jacket and put his

The search takes 20 minutes, during which the queue to leave the Rock grows stilll longer. Gibraltar officials weave between the cars encouraging drivers to complain and giving out the telephone numbers of the Spanish and British politicians whom they

It began with a spat over fishing rights. Gibraltar's Chief Minister, Peter Caruana, thought that he had settled the problem with the Spanish

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Families on both sides say their

livelihoods are under threat, reports Daniel

McGrory

fishing crews, but the Spanish Foreign Minister, Abel Matutes, complained that this was his and Robin Cook's job. A little local difficulty then escalated into a revival of the conflict over the near 300-year British sovereignty of the Rock, and Spain made a point by tighten-

ing up its border controls.

Across the wire fence of no man's land, Gerry Monteverde, a complaints officer, makes an unladylike gesture to the diminutive Spanish Civil Guard causing the worst of the hold-up. "They want to starve us into submission and we feel bullied by Madrid and betrayed by London. They accuse everyone in Gibraltar of being drug dealers and tobacco smugglers. But all that happens on the Spanish side of the

frontier, not ours," she says. She points to a group of women in wearing baggy tracksuits, who are busy hiding cartons of cigarettes inside their clothing until they look like the Michelin man They waddle through the customs post, waved on by a Spanish guard, to the town of La Linea. just 20 yards away. There a man with slicked-

back hair and wrapsround sunglasses sits on a wall be-hind the customs shed, buying as many carrons of digarettes as the women can carry. He of-fers bribes of pesets to a coachload of elderly fritons to join his smuggling run. Sever-al stroll back across to the bor-der kiosk where a packet of 20 costs less than 80p. Three minutes walk away, in Spain, it

sells for more than £2.

Ms Monteverde says: "The Spanish guards ignore such flagrant smuggling and in-stead delay law-abiding work-ers and tourists on their Government's orders."

The procession of cigarette women continues night and day. More than 1,000 families in La Linea are said to rely on this cigarette smuggling for their only income.

Three thousand people from La Linea legally work on the Rock and are protesting to their own Government that the border restrictions threaten their livelihood. Francisco Manueles, a computer engi-neer, says he missed three appointments because of the delays. "My Government is costing me money, and my Cibraltar customers will use someone on the Rock if this goes on."



A wait of four hours is common at the border, where Spanish guards conduct exhaustive checks on all travellers

Thirty people a week from La Linea are said to be losing their jobs in Gibraltar and many are having pay docked for arriving late. They are planning a demonstration on Wednesday which could bring

the border to a standstill. The Rock is suffering, too. Shops are deserted, offices close early and the 147 bars packed onto the 21/2 square miles complain that daytrippers are staying away in their thousands. Furning in the frontier traffic jam. Alfred Duo, 72, can take no more. "I was born here, but I'm leaving Gibraltar for good because of the bloodymindedness of my Spanish neighbours, which is

getting worse." There is no shooting in this border skirmish, just obstructive pettiness. Drivers who do not carry a blanket in the boot in case of an accident, as required by Spanish law, may be turned back after waiting

Ms Monteverde points to where the Gibraltar authorities installed cameras last week to broadcast the Spanish petulance live on the Internet.

taliated by stringing a 20ft sheet of green canvas between two trees to block the cameras. They plan a more permanent barrier made of aluminium.

"The Berlin Wall has gone but on this frontier of the new free Europe we will have the Aluminium Blockade," says Charles Collinson, the chief complaints officer, as drivers ask the reason for the delay.

the queue that Gibraltarians

One enterprising tour guide tried to profit from the dispute Hours later the Spanish reresterday. He went across the border to tempt tourists on the Costas to come to photograph the Rock's latest attraction -"stroppy Spanish cops causing Europe's worst traffic jam". They were ferried back and forth on motorscooters to beat

urges Blair to get tough with Spain BY DANIEL MCGRORY

Minister

THE Chief Minister of Gibraltar, Peter Caruana, last night urged Tony Blair to "get tough" with Spain over the

border blockade. Mr Blair has arranged an Anglo-Spanish summit for April, but Mr Caruana said the Rock could not wait that long. "Tourism is already down to 20 per cent of what it should be. Who is going to come for a day trip from Spain when it can take seven hours to get across the bor-

The integrity of our financial centre is being slurred by allegations that we are money launderers . . . the Foreign Office has applauded our stringent banking and financial laws, but this mud from Spain might stick."

The language on both sides of the border is far from diplomatic. Mr Caruana biames the Spanish Foreign Minister. Abel Matutes, who he says is "a liar, a hypocrite and an eco-

nomic illiterate". "He says we are parasites who should be eliminated. Language like that hasn't been used in Europe sinceNuzi Germany."

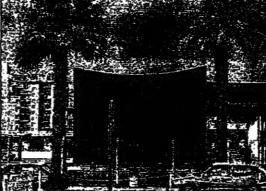
The dispute concerns proposals sent to Whitehall by Señor Matutes in December 1997 for a new sovereignty

There was a threat implied from Senor Matutes that if we didn't accept what he thought were very generous sovereignty proposals, there would be an aggressive campaign to bring us to our knees," Mr Caruana said. "I don't lose a minute's sleep thinking Tony Blair is going to give away Gibraltar but perhaps Senor Matutes thinks differently, so the Prime Minister should spell it out: "We stay British"."



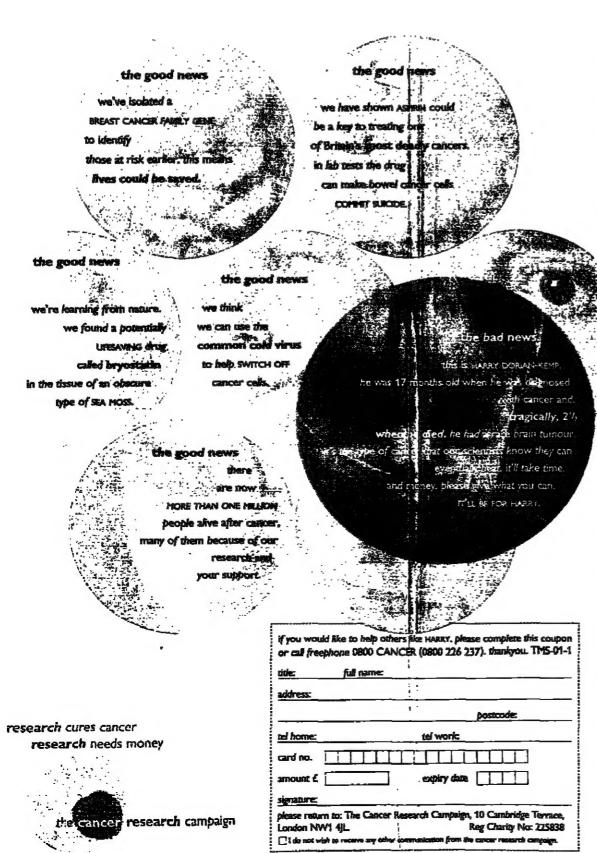
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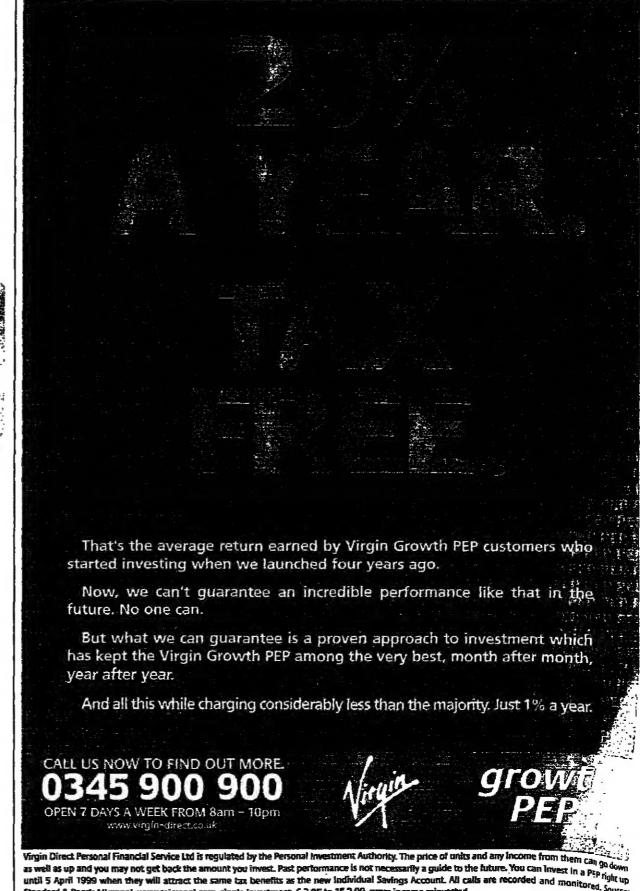




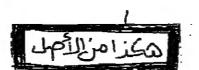


Gibraltar officials set up cameras to broadcast the source of the obstruction on the internet, but the Spanish threw up a canvas screen. One business not affected by the dispute is the cross-border trade in cigarettes





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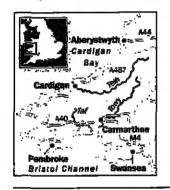
Efforts to save spring salmon include a ban on coraclemen. writes Simon de Bruxelles

THERE is one species more en dangered than the occasional spring salmon that makes a daring foray up the River Tywn in South Wales.

The coracle fishermen, who for generations have plied the river in their tiny cockle-shell boats, are the unintended vicrims of well-meaning but probably futile attempts to save the salmon. Just a dozen of the fishermen - largely nocturnal creatures - are left on the Tywi, compared with more than 300 at the turn of the century. Their main catch is the plentiful sea trout, but as their ners could also entangle the early salmon they have been caught in a nationwide ban. The fishing season will start

today, but no one knows how long it will last. The Environment Agency wants to stop salmon fishing until June I to give stocks time to recover. As soon as Alun Michael, the Welsh Secretary, signs the new bylaws, the coracle men will have to hang up their nets. With their season cut to two months and no hope of recouping the cost of their £400 annual fishing licence, a 2,000-yearold way of life will end.

Last week. Mike Elias, the leader of Wales's last 25 licensed coracle fishermen, carried his tiny boat down to the Tywi for what he fears may be one of the last times. Mr Elias. 48, has been fishing the river since he was 12, as the men in his family have done for generations. By day he is an electrician, but every night during the season he is on the river. Anglers don't like the cora-



mercially, and the Environment Agency regards them as an economically irrelevant anachronism. Mr Elias's contention that the tradition is a part of Welsh heritage that should be preserved fell on unsympathetic ears — the agency says that as the coraclemen fish at night there is little chance of tourists seeing them.

The agency also objects to the fibreglass coracles fa-voured by some fishermen since a dam was built on the Tywi near Llandovery in 1968, lowering the level of the river and making it easier to run aground, and it says that their economic benefit to the region is insignificant. The agency does concede that there are very few early-run salmon in the Tywi - Mr Elias says that the coraclemen caught just five salmon last year, all of them summer lish.

The chain through which the ancient skills are handed down from one generation to the next is already being bro-ken. Peter Hopkins has refused all entreaties from his 15-year-old-son. Christopher, "I was born on the quayside



in Carmarthen with my finger in the river." he said. "The Tywi runs through my blood. I don't want this to get into my son like it has got into me and then to have it taken away The agency issues just 12 lic-ences for the Tywi, 12 for the Teifi and one for the Taf. Most

of the coraclemen have day jobs and fish at night for catches that, if they are lucky, will just cover their expenses. "I work during the day in or-der to be able to fish. No one could make a living out of it any more," Mr Elias said. "I remember when I used to go out with the old man and we would carry home 50 pounds

of fish. Today you are doing very well if you catch ten

The coraclemen work in pairs, drifting downriver with their net strung out between them. At the end of each run they carry their coracles and their catch back to their starting point and begin again. It is not unusual for them to walk 20 miles in a night with the lightweight boats strapped to their backs. Mr Elias never wears a lifejacket, despite the fact that his coracle is no big-

ger than a bathtub and made only of pitch-covered calico and split hazel. He can't swim, but years of experience have

given him perfect balance. "That's the way it's always been in my family. The old-timers used to tie the young ones to the seat of the coracle with a couple of feet of rope so if it turned over they knew where to find them," he said.

What particularly galls the fishermen is that the National Rivers Authority, the Environment Agency's predecessor was partly responsible for the dam that played a major part in the Tywi salmon's decline. The efforts of fish that manage to pass the dam and reach their spawning ground are wasted because runoff from conifer plantations has made the water too acidic for the fry to survive.

Last week's practice paddle could be the closest that Mr Elias gets to the river this season as he missed the January I licence application deadline. "It is bureaucracy at its

best," he said. " This is the first year since records began in the 1700s that there won't be an Elias on the river - and probably for long before that."

inside.

Letting fish off the hook puts hoteliers in fear

BY NICK NUTTALL ENVIRONMENT CORRESPONDENT

HOTELS renowned for salmon fishing are bracing themselves for "substantial losses" this season with the arrival of rules requiring anglers to throw fish back.

The Environment Agency is proposing bylaws on English and Welsh rivers to conserve stock by banning live bait and making it mandatory to throw back fish migrating to spawn-ing grounds until June 16. As the season started today

on some of the great salmon rivers, such as the Torridge and Torr in Devon, the proposals were awaiting the attention of ministers, who are expected to confirm them soon. Hoteliers on prime fishing

rivers claim that the rules, which rob anglers of the thrill of hooking and eating a prized fish, will cause many regulars to forsake Britain for salmon-fishing holidays

abroad Countries such as Chile, Argentina and Norway are being heavily promoted as alternatives

Up to a 100 hotels and their staff are likely to be affected by the bylaws. Philippa Hughes, who runs the Holme Chase Hotel on Dartmoor, said vesterday that the proposals were already putting fish-ermen off. "About 30 per cent of our business is during the fishing season, from May through to August," she said. At weekends, eight or nine of the hotel's 17 bedrooms would

be occupied by anglers.

The indications are that this could be halved," Mrs Hughes said. Losses could amount to "tens of thousands

Charles Inniss, who owns the Half Moon Inn at Sheepwash, Devon, and ten miles of the Torridge, said that the plans were a catastrophe. "My season starts on March I and bookings are way, way

Mr Inniss, who is chairman of the local fisheries association, the Tor-Torridge Joint Consultative Committee, said that what angered it was the blanket way in which the Environment Agency had drawn up rules for all rivers irrespective of their different seasons and runs of fish. "We estimate they are taking away 60 per cent of our catch."

He said there were voluntary conservation rules on the Torridge, including a maxmimum catch of two fish per angler for part of the season. Guy Mawie, fisheries officer at the Environment Agency, said that the proposals were confidential. Ministers could back them, reject them or call for a public inquiry.

the figure that counts

Two thirds of the women who duction, at a cost of up to £5,000, earn less than £25,000 a year, according to a survey by a cosmetic surgery group.
The Harley Medical Group

said: "Cosmetic surgery is not these days for the frivolously rich and lavishly vain." The women wanted to look more "statistically normal" and to have figures that were in proportion, so that it was easier for them to find clothes in high-street stores that fitted. Most took some years to de-cide whether to have surgery.

School drug trip

Berkshire schoolchildren are to visit cannabis cafes in Amsterdam's red-light district as part of an education project to prevent drug abuse. The scheme, organised by Thames Valley Police, has angered some parents and teachers.

Oasis on Mars

Evidence of the whereabouts of water-bearing minerals on Mars has been found by astronomers using the Hubble space telescope. Regions con-taining rusted iron minerals such as haematite have also

Victim named

A teenager whose body was found by a policeman in Northampton on Saturday has been named as Andrew Boyce, 18. Police disclosed that he had been beaten to death in his bedsit, and his body dragged out and dumped on waste ground.

Tubby triumph

The BBC has commissioned 105 more episodes of Tele-tubbies. Filming by Ragdoll Productions will begin in the spring at the company's outdoor set in Warwickshire for programmes that will be broadcast over three years.

Toad safety

A road in the Nottingham-shire village of Oxton will be closed for a month from today to let thousands of common toads cross safely from hiber-nation sites to breeding ponds. A third of the toads have been killed in previous years.

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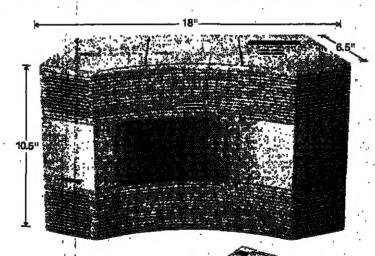
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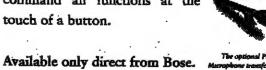
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Israelis hit back as top general in Lebanon killed

FROM NICHOLAS BLANFORD IN BELRUT

ISRAELI warplanes last night bombarded Hezbollah militia positions at Baalbek in eastern Lebanon after Israel's senior commander in south Lebanon was killed along with three others by a madside bomb near the village of Kawkaba in the border zone occupied by the Jewish state.

Hezbollah guerrillas as well as Lebanese and Syrian troops retaliated with anti-aircraft fire, reports said. Israel was also bombarded from Lebanon by either rockets or mortars, military afficials said.

Binyamin Netanyahu, the Israeli Prime Minister, fighting an election battle dominated by security issues, ordered the attack in retaliation for the death of Brigadier-General Erez Gerstein.

General Gerstein, 38, was the most senior Israeli officer to be killed in Lebanon since the 1982 invasion. His death, coming less than a week after three officers from an elite Israeli commando unit were killed in a Hezbollah ambush, has added to the climate of uncertainty in Lebanon during the period preceding the elections in May. Seven Israelis have been killed in the occupation zone this year, Last year,

24 Israeli soldiers died and 100

were wounded.

Hezhollah, the Shia Muslim group which spearheads efforts to oust the Israeli Army from the occupation zone, claimed responsibility for the latest ambush. "This operation confirms our determination to continue our struggle until we have liberated our land." Naim Qassem, Hezbollah's deputy secretary-general,

General Gerstein, two other soldiers and an Israeli journal-

ist were killed when their convoy was targeted by the bomb ten miles north of the frontierwith Israel. The general's car was destroyed

was destroyed.
Just 25 minutes later, Hezbollah guerrillas detonated a
second bomb along the same
stretch of road as an Israeli
military vehicle passed. The occupants were reported unburt.
General Genstein's death

General Gerstein's death was greeted by jubilation among the Lebunest, but it renewed fears that Mr Netanyahu will repeat the actions of his predecessor. Shimon Peres, by unleashing a military offensive against Hezbollah to garner votes from the security-conscious Israeli public. In the run-up to the 1996 elec-

tions, Mr Peres launched the 16-day Grapes of Wrath air and artillery offensive in which 170 Lebance civilians were killed.



Binyamin Netanyahu on his arrival at Jordan's Royal Palace in Amman yesterday

Netanyahu anger Jordan with 'ally of Saddam' claim

FROM CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN AMMAN

THE Israeli Prime Minister, Binyamin Netanyahu, yesterday struggled to defuse a serious crisis in relations with Jordan provoked by a speech in which he suggested that the Hashemite kingdom could again ally itself with President Saddam Hussein of Iraq.

Mr Netanyahu's claim cast a shadow over his Amman talks yesterday with Jordan's new ruler, King Abdullah II— the first between the two since they spoke briefly at King Hussein's funeral. As Israeli officials mounted a damage control exercise after the speech provoked a furore in Jordan and among his political rivals in Israel. Mr Netanyahu tried to dismiss the dispute as a "storm in a teacup". Hard-pressed Israeli diplo-

pute as a "storm in a teacup".

Hard-pressed Israeli diplomats denied that the King's refusal to appear at a joint press conference with the Israeli leader was a snub. One Israeli official said that yesterday's appearance of Mr Netanyahu with Fayez Tarawneh, the Jordanian Prime Minister. was "a matter purely of protocol and the fact that the King

is still in the 40-day office

mourning period".

Jordanian anger was reflected by the Jordan Times which called Mr Netanyahuremarks a "gross misreprese tation of historical fact, derionstrating once again Netallyahu's complete lack of political sophistication". The daimpaper, one of Amman's mormoderate in its approach the controversial 1994 Israet Jordan peace treaty, accuse him of "an inexcusable lack consideration" towards Jordan Jordan towards Jordan peace treaty.

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In the speech Mr Netanys hu reminded an Israeli university audience that the lal King had sided with Irac during the 1990 Gulf crisis and the war to oust Irac troops from Kuwait launched

in 1991.

Days earlier the new Kinghad met the expected future ruler of Syria, Bashar Assadithe son of President Assadiand a leading Jordanian opposition member, Leith Shubeillat, had met Saddam. Both contacts were seen as ominous by Western diplomats.

WORLD IN BRIEF

Italian 'prejudice' outrages lecturers

Rome: More than 1,000 British and other foreign lecturers who teach at Italian universities will today present European socialist leaders with evidence that Italy is "breaking European Union law" by discriminating against them "on grounds of nationality" (Richard Owen writes).

The lecturers are staging a two-day strike to coincide with a conference in Milan to co-ordinate campaign plans for the forth-coming European parliamentary elections. Those at the meeting will include Tony Blair, Gerhard Schröder, the German Chancellor and Lionel Jospin, the French Prime Minister.

Iraq says raid killed 3

Baghdad: Three Iraqis, including a child, were killed and several others were injured in US air raids on villages in the northern no-fly zone, an Iraqi military spokesman said. The US said in a statement earlier from Incirlik air base in Turkey that FISE fighter jets launched three air-to-ground missiles and dropped three laser-guided bombs on an Iraqi air defence head-quarters and radio relay site in the zone. (AFP)

Lusaka hit by blasts

Johannesburg: Zambia deployed police and troops in Lusaka after six bombs exploded in and around the capital. A guard was killed by the blast at the Angolan Embassy. Bombs also exploded at the American International School and the headquarters of the electricity suppliers. "We are treating this as a security crisis." Vincent Malambo, Legal Affairs Minister, said. (Reuters)

Yeltsin back in hospital

Moscow: President Yeltsin was taken to hospital over the weekend in what has become a routine occurrence (Anna Blundy writes). The ulcer that first incapacitated him in January is still bleeding, apparently because of too much activity by the President, and his doctor has recommended hospital observation and a decrease in Mr Yeltsin's already much-depleted workload.





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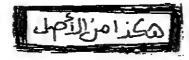
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Noor, beat up Anwar

Chief of police admits assault

By DAVID WATTS

MALAYSIA'S former police chief admitted through his lawyer at the inquiry yesterday into Anwar Ibrahim's injuries that he had beaten up the former Deputy Prime Minis-

The inquiry was told that Abdul Rahim Noor had "lost his cool" after Mr Anwar accused him of being the "father of all dogs" and attacked him. The admission of the assault

is another blow to the reputation of the Mahathir Government and its officers, and Mr Anwar's accusation of a conspiracy against him is gaining credibility among more and more Malaysians.
Teh Poh Teik, Mr Noor's

lawyer, said the former police chief had acted under great provocation. However, Mr Anwar denied giving any insult and said there had been no conversation between himself and the two officers who came to his cell after he was detained last September 20.

He was speaking at an in-quiry into allegations that he was beaten up after his arrest on charges of corruption and illegal sexual acts. The inquiry is being held separately from his trial on these charges.

Unusually, the hearing was held on a Sunday after the trial judge refused to adjourn hearings so that he might attend the inquiry.

Nigeria poll rigged, claims loser

NIGERIA'S fragile transition Observers say Obasanjo victory cy was in jeopardy yesterday should stand despite cheating, after Olu Falae refused to accept the victory of his oppo-Sam Kiley reports from Lagos nent for the presidency. General Olusegun Obasanjo, amid squabbling between politi-cians as an excuse to stay in ofwidespread allegation of vote

rigging. Senior members of Mr Falae's All People's Party (APP) stormed out of the electoral commission offices and refused to continue participation in the counting process. The 1993 elections, which were won by Chief Moshood Abiola, were annulled by the

fice himself. Results from 31 of the 36 states yesterday showed a lead for General Obasanjo of more than five million votes. "I said if General Obasanjo won a free and fair election I would congratulate him but clearly this is not a free and

fair election," Mr Falae said in his home town of Akure. "The vote was completely

rigged," one of Mr Falae's aides said. "We have not had free and fair elections and

Falae will contest this." True to form, many Nigeri-ans could not resist the temptation to rig their own elections. Jimmy Carter, the former US President, and many other international observers across the county reported widespread irregularities.

However, European Union

in line with the will of the Nige-rian people, despite wide-

spread fraud.
"We judge that the result of the election reflects the wishes of the Nigerian people, marking the final and most important electoral stage in the transfer of power to a democrat-ically elected civilian govern-ment," the EU monitors said in a statement However, the level of cheat-

ing appeared to be equally bal-anced between General Obasanjo's supporters and those of

International approval for the elections is essential to Ni-

geria which had been economi-cally crippled by 28 years of corrupt military rule out of the 38 since independence from

Mainly Western donors have prepared a \$1.5 billion (£900 million) rescue package for the world's sixth-largest oil producer which is unable to re-tine enough of its high-grade crude for domestic use because the military has deliberately run down refineries and profiled from imported

products. Fuel quiues lasting for days choke Lagos, Nigeria's largest city. In Abuja, the newly-built inland capital, senior civil servants have to buy their petrol on the black market.

General Obasanjo pledged to "make Nigeria great again" but he faces a Herculean task in ridding the country of corruption and attracting new investment.

General Obasanjo, 61, Baptist, did best in the north of the country where the mainly Muslim Hausa-Fulani tribes have traditionally feared a power shift to the South, the general's Yoruba heartland, where he polled the least votes. Mr Falae is also a Yoruba.

The choice of both men as contestants for Nigeria's ultimate political prize was regarded as a means to reduce lensions between the north Ethiopia

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and south. The general has two months to form a Cabinet before being sworn in by the outgoing mili-tary leader. General Abdusa-laam Abubakar, on May 29.

He said that his priorities would be to stamp out corrup-tion and bring economic

growth to Nigeria. But Nigerians have heard it all before. Picking through rubbish in Lagos, Ben Oluwolale, a beg-gar, shrugged his shoulders. "What will democracy ever mean to me? I am nothing, we Nigerians are nothing to our leaders," he said.

Australia trims its fighting forces

FROM DAVID WATTS IN SYDNEY

THE Australian Army is turfing out tubby troops who it says are too fat to fight. Under a policy to weed out weaklings, almost 700 officers and other ranks— some of them women—are packing their kit-

bags for civvy street.

They failed to meet the army's requirement that they must be able to run 1.5 miles in less than 12 minutes; pass a shooting test every year; be ready to travel overseas within 30 days and be medically fit with a good set of teeth.

In the first year of the new rules, five officers and 42 soldiers were shown the door. Another 40 officers, including five senior lieutenant-colonels and 607 other ranks, have been given notice of discharge.

The revelation comes in the week Australia lost one of the few remaining legendary dig-gers who created the army's reputation at Gallipoli, a reputation for toughness reinforced in Vietnam but which appears to have slipped despite involvement in more post-Second World War conflicts than Britain.



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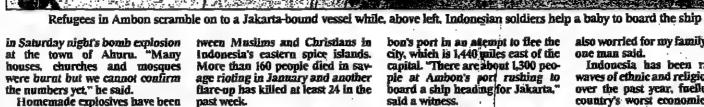
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Refugees flee Indonesia island riots

Ambon: Some 1.300 people fled this riot-torn Indonesian city yesterday amid mounting tensions following the explosion of a homemade bomb

late on Saturday.

A local journalist said there were no immediate reports of casualties



used frequently in recent clashes be-

tween Muslims and Christians in Indonesia's eastern spice islands. More than 160 people died in savage rioting in January and another flare-up has killed at least 24 in the

Meanwhile, people jammed Am-

bon's port in an attempt to flee the city, which is 1,440 miles east of the capital. There are about 1,300 people at Ambon's port rushing to board a ship heading for Jakarta,"

said a witness "I am scared of being killed, I am also worried for my family's safety." one man said.

Indonesia has been racked by waves of ethnic and religious warest over the past year, fuelled by the country's worst economic crisis in

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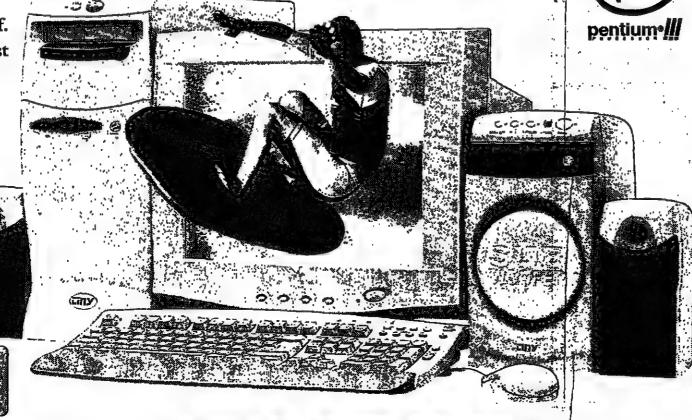
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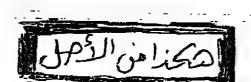
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Ethiopia claims victory in border dispute

FROM JAMES BONE IN NEW YORK

THE United Nations Security Council called at the weekend for an immediate halt to the fighting between Ethiopia and Eritrea amid fears that the newly landlocked Ethiopians would try to reclaim Red Sea ports ceded to their smaller neighbour when it gained inde-

pendence in 1993. The Ethiopian Government declared "total victory" yester-day in the eight-month border conflict, after its troops recaptured the disputed 120-squaremile Badme plain, Eritrea said, however, that there was a fresh Ethiopian assault along the 60-mile front and UN officials expressed concern that Ethiopia might try to press on to the coast

The rulers of the two countries were long-time allies in the civil war against the Ethiopian dictator. Mengistu Haile Mariam, whom they ousted in 1991. When Eritrea gained independence two years later, the two states were hailed as leaders of an "African Renaissance". A bitter rivalry developed, however, when Eritrea established its own currency. the nafka, in 1997 to replace the Ethiopian birr.

The deterioration in relations meant that Ethiopia was no longer able to trade through its former ports of Massawa and Assab. rendering it dependent on neighbouring Djibouti for access to the Red Sea. A full-scale war broke out last May when Eritrea seized Badme, an area on the border which was populated by ethnic Eritreans but under Ethiopian administration and was not demarcated.

Shuttle diplomacy by en-voys from the United States and the UN failed to defuse the conflict, as Eritrea rejected a peace plan put forward by the Organisation of African Unity calling for its withdrawal. Ethiopia's crushing victory on Friday prompted Eritrea to reverse course and hurriedly accept the OAU plan in what diplomats took as a sign that the Eritrean Government feared that Ethiopia would seize more land.

Albright talks tough as China relations sour

WITH tensions mounting in Sino-American relations, Madeleine Albright, the US Secretary of State, and her Chinese hosts will engage in tough talking today, setting the scene for next month's first official visit to Washington of Zhu Rongji. China's Prime Minister.

Fresh from her failure to push through a Kosovo agreement, Ms Albright acknowledged to a congressional committee, before leaving for two days in Beijing where she arrived last night, that "sharp differences" have emerged with China since the high water mark of President Clinton's visit eight months ago. Indeed, that deteriorating relationship is considered a prime reason why Mr Clinton has been unable to find a high-profile replacement Ambassador for Bejing when James Sasser leaves in May.

"Let me stress," said Ms Albright, in defence of Washington policy, "that in our deal-

ings with China, engagement is not endorsement. There is supposed to be a "strategic partnership" between the two nations, but this fuzzy phrase cannot disguise the triple blow that Washington delivered to China last week.

First there was the decision to deny the sale of a US-made satellite to China for a mobile phone network that, according to the Pentagon, would also have helped the Chinese to make their intercontinental missiles more accurate. The second was a Pentagon report on China's missile build-up opposite Taiwan, and the third, a stiff rebuke to China over its human rights record.

The State Department's annual report — which angered the Chinese - described crackdowns against organised political opposition and accused China of extra-judicial killings, torture and maltreatment of prisoners, forced confessions and arbitrary arrests.



Ms Albright is met by Lu Xumin, a Chinese official

To make maners worse, the crackdown on dissidents con-tinued in the run-up to the Albright visit, prompting the Sen-ate to call on the Administration, with a 99-0 vote on Thursday, to promote an anti-China resolution at this month's United Nations Human Rights Commission meeting in

The resolution underlined that the Administration is under enormous domestic pressure not to pull its punches on China, despite concerns at the damage such criticism can do to other US interests such as trade and the non-proliferation of nuclear weapons.

Non-government Chinese experts in Washington suspect that Mr Clinton and Ms Albright have left relations with Beijing on auto-pilot between visits, unaware that they were swerving off-course. There seems scant understanding that the end of the Cold War has made the Chinese more distrustful of America, especially those in power who remember that Henry Kissinger and his successors co-opted them to gang up on the Soviet Union. Using this argument, Chinese leaders can advance the notion that they are Washington's targets now.

Other issues loom large, including America's \$57 billion trade deficit with Beijing: US plans to develop a missile defence system to protect its Asian allies: and Congressional allegations that China may have obtained access to US technology to improve missiles and nuclear weapons.



The Rev Henry Lyons, flanked by his lawyers, listens to the guilty verdicts in his Florida fraud trial

Church leaderer fails to find a friend in Jesus

THE leader of America's largest black religious organisation, who used to punctuate his sermons on sin with cries of "I'm doing some preaching now". walked from court without a word after being found guilty of swindles running to millions of dollars.

Henry Lyons. 57, faces up to eight years in prison but he refused to resign as president of National Baptist Convention USA. Rather, said a defence lawyer, he was go-ing home to pray at his church in St Petersburg, Florida, where he is still pastor.

The guilty verdict by the all-white jury in Largo, Florida, ended a career of sex. flamboyance and deceit conducted under the cloak of God's name.

Lyons was convicted of racketeering by helping himself to more than \$4 million (£2.5 million) from corporations wanting to sell ceme-tery plots, life insurance and credit cards to his national membership, which he claimed to be 8.5 million strong. In fact, said the prosecution, it was closer to one million.

Bernice Edwards, 42, his organisation's public relations director and his suspected mistress, was cleared of racketeering.
It was the alleged affair

that led to Lyons being caught. His enraged wife Deborah set fire to a luxurious waterfront home that he had bought with Ms Edwards.

The episode prompted a police investigation that uncovered an extravagant spending spree by Lyons, inciuding a timeshare flat in Nevada, several luxury cars,

Ian Brodie in Washington on Baptist preacher found guilty of \$4 million fraud

mond ring "the size of a dime". He was alleged to have lavished gifts on several mistresses.

Meanwhile, Lyons was duping the companies seeking his membership list by sending them names from computerised tele-

phone directories.

This scam led to letters being sent such non-Baptists as a grand dragon of the Ku Klux Klan and a Catholic

Lyons denied the charges throughout. Even as damning documentary evidence piled up, he and his lawyers constantly predicted that God would deliver him.

When the jury retired to consider its verdict. Lyons and Ms Edwards, who denied having an affair with him, joined hands with others outside the court to sing: What a Friend We Have in Jesus".

Charles Embery, led the group in prayer, asking God to help the jury come to the

right" verdict. But after 12 hours of deliberation, the five women and one man said they found the evidence against Lyons compelling. And he still faces a federal trial on 54 counts of ing and extortion.

Voyeurs of the world braced for revelation of the full Monica

BY IAN BRODIE

THE week of the full Monica Lewinsky treatment opened yesterday with assorted leaks, including an admission that she ignored her mother's advice to end her affair with President Clinton.

A well-orchestrated media blitzon both sides of the Atlantic will see Ms _ ence approaching Super-Bowl pro-

Lewinsky telling her, side of the story on television, as well as the release of her book written with Andrew Morton, newspaper serialisations and more interviews. The first interview will be on Wednesday in America on ABC, when Ms Lewin-sky will admit to Barbara Walters and, the network hopes, an audi-

portions - that her relationship with Mr Clinton was an emotional roller coaster and that she became depressed as it disintegrated.

She was extremely fragile by the

time Kenneth Starr's prosecutors found her, Ms Walters told News-week, and they "pushed her over the top", making her feel desperate. Earlier, Ms Lewinsky's mother: Marcia

Lewis, had tried to persuade her to end the relationship. Ms Lewinsky admits that her stubbornness kept her from heeding the advice.

Ms Lewinsky says she believes that, at the start of the affair, Mr Clinton was genuinely remorseful. Now, she says, the man she sees on television is all politician, sorry only that he got caught. Ms Lewinsky explains how prosecutors came to know about the infamous cigar escapade. She had described the incident to friends who were then called before the Grand Jury, so by the time she made her appearance the jurors knew all the salacious details.

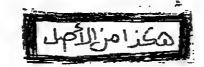
Ms Lewinsky found that, of all the things written about her, comments about her weight hurt her the most.

But she kept her sense of humour, repeating a joke about herself to Ms Walters that was considered too bawdy to broadcast.

Ms Lewinsky makes a public apology to the American people. Asked if she is still in love with the President. she says no, but there have been times when she feels "kind of warm"







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FROM ANTHONY LOYD IN LIKOSANE, KOSOVO

A COMMEMORATIVE service on a mud-slick plateau outside the village of Likosane yesterday marked the first anniverary of the Kosovo war's bloody birth.

About 3.000 ethnic Albanians gathered beside the graves of 25 of their number slain there a year ago. Except for the continuous buzzing of a Serb observation plane flying over-head and the tedious speeches of Kosovo Liberation Army commanders competing with the whine of feedback from a faulty speaker system, the scene was strangely silent; the crowd, familiar now with the depredations of conflict, was subdued and seemingly drained of emotion.

The skies on February 28 last year were the same blue, the ground the same snow-scabbed mud of spring thaw. But war was alien then. So, as they went about their business that day nobody in Likosane, a farming community 25 miles north-west of Pristina, could have anticipated what was to

On the eastern side of the village, caught between fields and a track junction, grows a legendary oak tree. Two hundred years ago, according to the village elders, the shoots from six acorns entwined to-

gether as they grew.

As a sapling, the oak was protected from livestock by the villagers, who watched it grow over the years into six equal trunks from one root. The tree was known as the Six Brothers: the latest phase in the death of Yugoslavia — six republics previously linked by the brotherhood and unity of Tito-era communism - started beneath the Six Brothers.

Last year, when the KLA was little more than a myth, a group of armed guerrillas drove past the oak. As they did so. Serb police hiding in a farmhouse sprung an am-bush. One of the KLA men. Sabit Lladrovci, was hit. His companion, Rasim Kecina, fired at a police vehicle with a machine-gun. Two policemen died. The war had started.

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Kosovo peace recedes as Serbs mass on border

Albanian delegates to the first peace conference at Rambouil-

let, Jakup Krasniqi, the KLA spokesman, and Ram Buja.

the group's political adviser.

Mr Krasniqi said the "will of the people had to be ex-pressed". Mr Donnelly told

them that an Albanian signa-

ture at the next phase of talks.

on March 15 at Evreux in Nor-

mandy, would increase pres-

sure on Belgrade to come to an

But Western military advis-

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SERB forces massed in their thousands in and around Kosovo yesterday as the province was engulfed in new fighting that threatens to shatter the

Western military advisers said there were now more troops in Kosovo than at any time last year, and feared that Belgrade might be about to partition the province. Brian Donnelly, the British

Ambassador to Belgrade, yes-terday urged the Yugoslav Army and Serb police to rein Meeting Kosovo Liberation

Army leaders at one of their central headquarters in the village of Ladrovac, Mr Donnelly said he hoped Belgrade could control the thousands of security troops now deployed around the province in breach of the October ceasefire rules. The ethnic Albanians, he

Envoy calls for restraint as fears grow of plans to partition province, writes Tom Walker in Belgrade

said, had to be given the chance to understand the Contact Group peace proposal.

But as his Range Rover ploughed through the snow and mud of the Drenica region there were reports of hostage-taking, attacks on police stations and Yugoslav Army units taking up positions along the southern and north-

ern borders of the province. "I can confirm fighting and shooting," said Beatrice Lacoste, a spokeswoman for the Organisation for Security and Co-operation in Europe observer mission in Pristina, Kosovo's capital.

Mr Donnelly met two of the

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"benign environment" are little more than a pipe dream.

The planners are barking mad and I've told them so," said one of the most experienced advisers in the province. "The Yugoslav generals will have to light." He described the new Yugoslav Army hierar-chy as being almost entirely obedient to President Milosevic's wishes.

On Saturday French moni-tors counted 71 shells landing near the village of Bukos, which has now been besieged by the Yugoslav Army for five days in what Belgrade has cynically called "a winter exer-

The special interior ministry police units that will have to leave Kosovo altogether under the Contact Group plan were also poised for action last night, as they joined the Yugoslav army in chasing the KLA

south from the town of Kacinik, on the road south to Macedonia. Earlier the KLA had fired on the police station there, killing one officer and in-

juring four others.

The police were also preparing an offensive against KLA villages near the town of Orahovac, where two Serbs were kidnapped on Saturday. As British monitors persuaded the police to hold off their attack, two bodies were found dumped on the main road south of Orahovac. They were not thought to be those of the Serbs, whom the KLA hinted

they were still holding. Mr Donnelly warned that he suspected there "were still some quarters" in Belgrade where it was believed the KLA -could be eliminated.

New wave of skiers arrive as Tyrol mourns

FROM ROGER BOYES IN INNSBRUCK

CHURCH bells rang out the length and breadth of Austria yesterday as the country mourned the 38 victims of the worst Alpine avalanche for several decades. The coffins of the victims - the last, a 14-yearold German girl, was dug out of a wrecked cellar on Saturday - were lined up in the St Wilten monastery chapel outside limsbruck.

Tears streaked the faces of relatives, many of whom survived the disaster as snow raced down the mountainside last week at speeds of up to



Relatives of victims at the lansbruck service

190 mph to engulf Galtūr in the Tyrol. Others, such as the mother of two young boys killed in the avalanche, were

too distraught to attend. The service was attended by Viktor Klima, the Austrian Prime Minister, who declared yesterday a day of mourning, Manfred Stolpe, the Prime Minister of Brandenburg who was representing the 21 German victims, and Swiss goverranent officials.

Several hundred tourists nevertheless arrived in the Tyrol yesterday, anxious to make use of the deep snow and empty pistes. The authorities who ad cleared many of the main approach roads in western Austria at the weekend denied that they had done so to encourage new tourists. Hoteliers, most of them heavily in debt; had been anxious that nobody would want to come to

the Pamaun valley.
The village of Galtur was opened at the weekend for the first time in a week and the full scope of the damage could be studied by reporters.

"We are still under shock," said the local imbkeeper Siegmund Wolfhard, sobbing quietly as he made a bonfire of destroyed timber.

But four-year-old Alexander Walter, who was found under the snow almost two hours after being hit by the avalanche in Valur, was yesterday said to be playing with toy helicop-ters in his hospital bed, on his way to a complete recovery.

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Schröder's strategy fails the EU test

week, are danger-ous. So too, are summits for untried politicians working with clumsy sherpas. Ger-hard Schröder, in his first real test as a European lead-er, fumbled his way through a complicated brief at the informal EU summit last Friday and left people wonder-ing whether he will ever quite gain the stature of Hel-

The weekend reviews of the Chancellor's performance - in the German, British, French and Italian press were poor, even if France and Spain were sometimes identified as the "real" prob-lem. In Germany, the Chan-cellor's smiling appearance on prime-time talk and quiz shows was contrasted unfavourably with his uncertain touch with fellow European

I think that the Chancellor is being too barshly judged at home. It was never going to be easy to rule with the Greens, and his own Social Democrats have always been uneasy in power. Herr Schröder's skills, honed as Prime Minister of a Red-Green regional government in Lower Saxony, are tactical rather than strategic, He has led two great retreats in his first 100 days of government — edging away from Green plans to scrap nuclear waste recycling contracts, and showing himself respon-sive to public discontent about proposed changes to the nationality laws. Yet in both cases he managed to present his U-turns as a defeat for the Greens.

The Chancellor's technique, applied against his rival. Oskar Lafontaine, and the Green Environment Minister, Jürgen Trittan, is to let troublesome Cabinet ministers over-extend themselves and then suddenly take a quick step backwards. Public outcry is directed at the errant politicians while the Chancellor, whose popu-larity ratings remain high, is seen as the man who listens

to the people.

The medium-term strategy is to shed the Greens as a partner and lead a grand coalition, either with the debilitated and suitably grateful Christian Democrats, or with the tiny Free Demogun — the Government is having to deal with both parties since it has just lost its overall majority in the upper house, the Bundesrat.

Where, one might ask, is the meat in the sandwich?

According to the official line, the theme of this Gov-

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ernment is the war on unemployment. Cutting the number on the dole by half a million is the undeclared goal by the next election in 2002. The next governing term, preferably with a different partner, would be dedicated to the thorough-going modernisation of German society. There are still well over four million unemployed and little progress has been made since the general election last autumn. The Chancellor managed to bring employers and unions together last week for the first session of an "alliance for johs". This demonstrated a Schröder strength — to bring warring sides together and act as a kind of anchor

The German leader took a similar approach to European policy and it was in this spir-it that he chaired the summit high up in Petersberg over-looking the Rhine. After a day's hard slog on Agenda 2000, he understood at last that the tricks of domestic political management cannot be applied to the European

some kind of European financing deal will be struck in Berlin at the end of this month. But the Chancellor needs to grasp some of the fundamentals. First, if Germany wants to play a leading role in Europe, it has to pay for it. Germany will always be the chief paymaster of Europe — that is the es-sence of its power, if it pays less (and makes a big issue out of paying less) its power will diminish accordingly. Second, it cannot have an open confrontation with France and win (at least off

the battlefield). Herr Kohl understood his francophile sherpa Joachim Bitterlich, was to find ways in which the French could privately sur-render positions and yet not lose face. Herr Schröder's foreign policy adviser, Michael Steiner, has not yet mastered this technique.

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Surrey's own Oskar Schindler

In a quiet corner of Guildford lives Henk Huffener, an embarrassed hero who saved dozens of Jews from the Nazis. Interview by Grace Bradberry

house, off the Guildford-Dorking road, is not merely in the Surrey stockbroker belt - it is at its very buckle. He has lived here for 40 years, and although various artistic types have beaten a path to his door this friends include sculptors, photogra-phers and writers), no one in the village has taken much

"If anything, people have ignored me," he says, in his clipped Dutch accent. "I'm foreign. I don't belong to the stockbrokers" cub." And who would except the in 76 was ald would expect this 76-year-old man, with a wedge of grey hair sticking out beneath a bald pate, to have anything re-markable to say? But his neighbours have just received a joit from the local papers. Huffener, it transpires, Has A Past, "I don't want to go out any more. It's ridiculous," he says, waving a hand irritably.

You might surmise from this that he is one of those benign old men who turns out to be a former Nazi. In fact, he is that more remarkable character, a hidden hero. From 1941 to 1945, Huffener saved dozens. if not hundreds, of lives. He spied on German troop movements. helped to secure an escape route to Switzerland, evacu-

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ated a kibbutz and hid numerous families in safe houses, even finding a place for a girl with Down's syndrome. He was imprisoned in a slave labour camp, escaped, carried on.

Last month Huffener, a retired antiques dealer and qualified psychologist, travelled to the Israeli Embassy in London, accompanied by his wife Margaret and 50 friends and relatives. He became only the 13th British citizen to be honoured with Yud Vashem's "Righteous Among The Nations" award. He felt, he says. "virtual embarrassment" the medal has joined his Dutch Resistance Cross, worm only twice, on a sne cluttered basement.

His story begins in 1941, in an isolated house in a wood outside Bildhoven. This was the home of the Huffeners father (an engineer), stepmother and seven children. They were a cultured, sociable fami-"We were right in the sticks. That's important - no one overlooked us." When Huffener's father began holding Resistance meetings at the house, there was no one to see. My father was an incredibly kind, brave person. He never

showed any anxiety at all."

The rest of his family seems to have inherited this tempera-ment. Huffener's sister Ann about a mile from the family home, that was a crucial staging post on an escape route used to smuggle Allied pilots, diplomats and Jews, first to Switzerland, then to Spain. Huffener was involved in this work. His younger brother, Joep, made friends with a doctor who was transmitting messages to London, and Huffener provided the doctor with information about German troop looked 14 and 1'd chat to the soldiers. I'd be cheerful and gormless and say gosh, are you really going in that direction?"
The Germans eventually detected the doctor's aerial and

stormed his house. "They caught him red-handed; he was 'You can't taken away and shot. That was the stay here: end of my spying," says Huffener. The baby

Despite its grim conclusion, this was to be only the first of Henk's Resistance exploits. A friend of his, Paul Koning — later a successful sculptor introduced Huffener to Loekie Metz. a young Jew-

ish woman who was staying at a German Zionist kibbutz near Loosdrecht. "In March 1942 a tip came that they had less than a month to fold up the kibbutz and get out. The Germans were very fond of the idea of 'way folk', as they were then called - young people going up country, hikers and bikers." So Huffener and others would go unnoticed as they cycled through the countryside, accompanied by one or two members of the kibbutz. It was an audacious and dangerous mission. On one occasion he was stopped by German soldiers while escorting an obviously Jewish-looking girl who spoke no Dutch. He Germans that they must be off or they would be in trouble with their parents, and got away with it.

The naivety of some of those he saved now seems extraordinary. Huffener visited the same girl's parents in a bleak Jewish district of Amsterdam. The father produced a black velvet cushion displaying a

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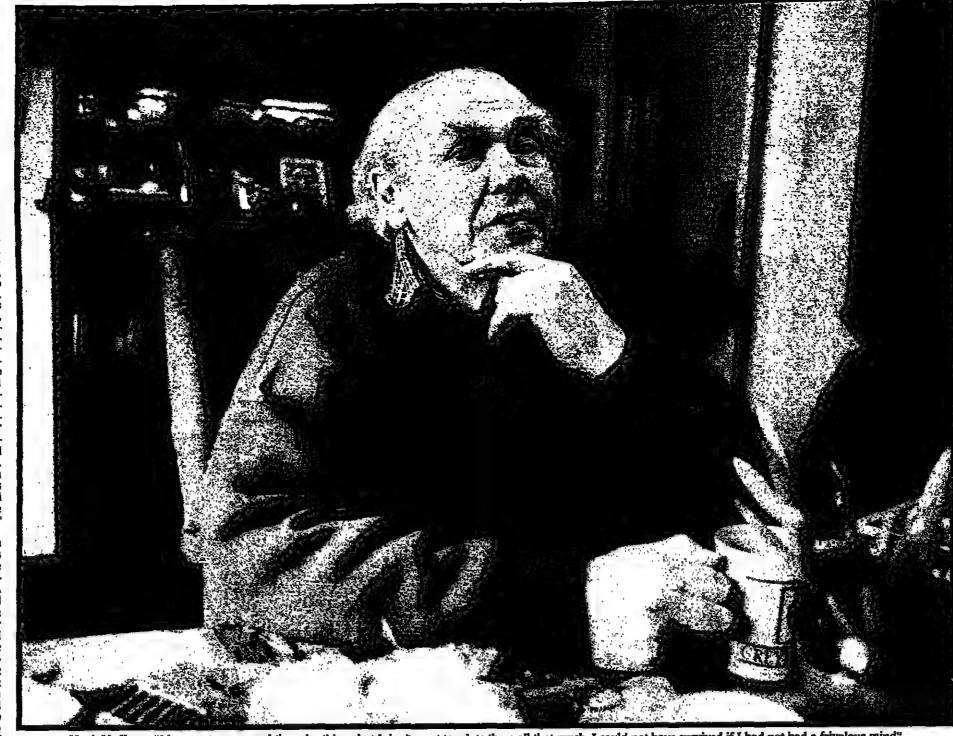
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Henk Huffener: "I have not suppressed the grim things but I don't want to relate them all that much. I could not have survived if I had not had a frivolous mind"

medal. "He said That is an Iron Cross First Class. I am exempted from deportation'. But I said 'Don't believe them'." His plea went unheeded. In all, 110,000 Jews regis-

tered with the Jewish Council and obeyed the instruction to move to the ghettos.

Those who went into hiding needed constant support. "In Anne Frank's story you never hear about the people who susout. He became one of those people, moving about the country, never giving his full name, establishing a false address and carrying false papers. In 1943 he was arrested

while making a trip to Amhem, where some of the kibbutz residents were hidden in a warehouse. He was charged with minor offences - not having an appropriate travel document and not having registered for work or study - and was questioned at Gestapo headquarters. He sat in the cells for two months. "I got very nervous because thought somebody would twig. My last scene of crime. the warehouse, was only 300

yards away."
Finally he was sent to a slave labour camp in Germany, where he endured 16-hour shifts, inadequate food and poor sanitation. Through sheer resourcefulness, he talked his way first into a skilled job, then an office position, before wangling canteen lunches, wages and, ultimate-

ly, a leave permit.

He still has it — a piece of A5 paper, patterned like a driving licence, with the words "until further notice" audaciously typed by Huffener himself. There is a stamp from the local police station, where he endured a 20-minute wait before officials finally gave up trying to check his story. He arrived back in Holland

to discover that the SS had got hold of his name and had raided his father's home. He moved to Amsterdam and looked up a cousin whose husband was a land agent. Huffener was given access to empty properties and lived in one, hiding Jewish people in

"I trotted around Amsterdam, very much a wanted per-son, and every time I'm stopped by the police, I say Tve got this pass'. That paper saved my life right through to the end of the war."

Huffener's most extraordinary achievement, perhaps, was to save an entire extended family. Before his imprisonment, while he was still in Arnhem, a friend approached him about an old couple who owned a soft-furnishings company. They had two daughters, one with Down's syndrome. Through his sister Ann. Huffener found a psychi-arrist who would look after the girl in an institution. He took her across Holland first on the





The Huffener family's isolated home near Bildhovert

train, then on the back of his bike. "We sailed up the drive, the girl screeching with joy because she'd never had a ride on the back of a bike before." Next he had to look after the love cultural diversity . . . ! couple's other daughter, who

had moved to Arnhem with her husband. "I was told They are in a flat where they are not meant to be. The son-in-law is sitting on the balcony with a fag and a newspaper, and the neighbours have seen. They have a four-month-old baby screaming at night. It's a matdote. He has just moved to Amter of a week or two and they will drag him out'."

e knew that he could hide the couple - but not with their Through his sister, he found a foster home for the child. "I went to this couple and said You can't stay here. I'm asking you to let the baby come with me'. It was a very tearful scene." Finally, they agreed. In 1945 the family were re-

united. "All three generations came back. Absolutely marvellous." The young couple moved to Israel and, although they sometimes visited England and knew Huffener's address, they never visited him. "I can understand." he says. "I wasn't all that popular with them, having wrenched their child away. There was an aspect of embarrassment about it. What are you supposed to do? Say thanks? You don't do it for thanks."

So why did he do it? Why risk death to save strangers when so many others did not? "I had Jewish friends," he begins. "it's difficult to say. I'm probably a bit odd in that I

He seems reluctant to acknowledge his courage: "I've not suppressed the grim things, but I don't want to relate them all that much. hadn't got a frivolous mind." He drifts into another anec-

sterdam and has not yet found the land agent cousin with the spare houses. Instead he is in a grim flat, on the edge of a ghetto, sheltering with an old Jewish couple who have decided that they want to die. "A great troop of Germans come over the wooden bridge and spread out over the street. They start shouting 'Every body downstairs with your bundles'. We're on the second floor. Beneath us is a West Indian man playing his saxophone. They go up the stairs. smashing the door. He comes out in his pyjamas. They shout at the guy 'Juden', Juden'. He says 'I'm not a Jew'. They say 'No, we know, you're a nigger. He assures them that there is nobody upstairs and they turn and go downstairs."

So the old Jewish couple, I ask, did they decide they wanted to live after all? "No," says Huffener shortly. They killed themselves that night with cyanide pills."

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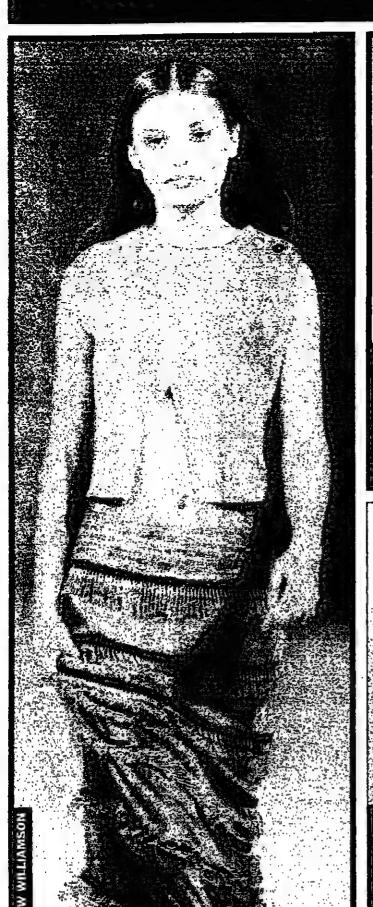
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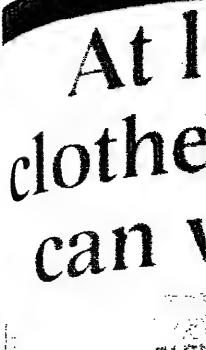








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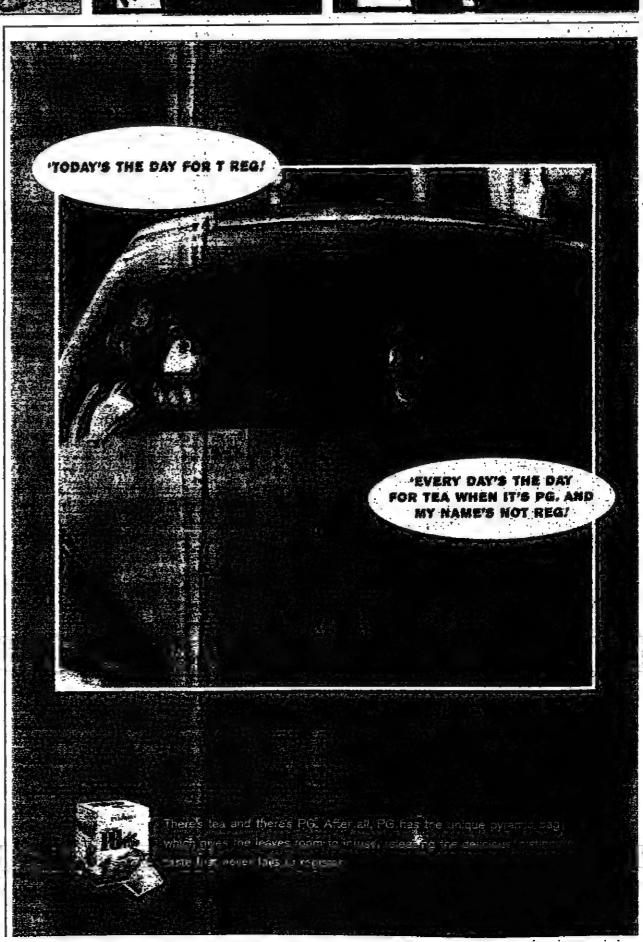
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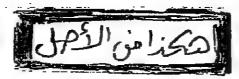
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At last: clothes you can wear

t was the high-pitched squeal emanating from the depths of a scrum at-Hussein Chalayan's show last Wednesday that reminded one of the good old days of London, "No. you cannot sit there on the floor blocking the stage," screeched the voice, with all the authority of a castrato teenager trying to impose order at a party held

while parents are away. Too late. Chaos reigned, in direct contrast to the beautiful Zen-like collection that eventually appeared to a soundtrack resembling a 12in remix of a nuezzin's call. The centralheating system had collapsed, the vodka flowed, and deeply groovy people with most of their hair missing mingled with high-powered American fashion editors with most of their pantyhose missing (both sects have an awe-inspiring

dedication to The Look). And then it was on to the fabulously happening Vision-naire party at Harvey Nichols to celebrate the latest issue of the world's most fashionable magazine. This was the fashion world casting pashminas and cares to the wind; plenty of celebrities, pole dancers and exotic Dai Rees headwear (and that was just the waiters) and not a glimpse of the product. The usual fashion scenario, in other words, except that no one from Oasis got into a fight this time, unlike the unseemly tangle at Tommy Hilfiger's shop opening the previous night.

That was London: shows that were lovely, but you couldn't see much because of the dry ice or the dark; parties





and much hard-wringing about whether the entire event is in its death throes. It's all so endearingly familiar. Every five years or so Lendon fashlon is supposedly about to meet its Maker. Someone cries wolf. It was dangerously fash-ionable, so inevitably it had to take a dip.
The uncertainty about Alex-

ander McQueen — will-he/ won't-he show in New York next time? - didn't help. He is going for one season, apparently, so that he can reach more customers in the United States. London fashion had better get over i'. The good news is that there are plenty of newcomers jostlig, if not to take his place, trun at least to make a mark of their own. As the week wore on, more of them sprang up on an alternative schedule, clashing merrily with official shape and creating havoc all round. But thank heavens for them - they shone as boldly and brightly

in starring roles: they trailed from bits of half-finished cloth

as daisies on a pristine lawn. Not all the Young Turks were everything you might have hoped for. Robert Cary-Williams's tastefully named Victorian Car Crash collection cast a lot of calamine-pink zips

ENGLISHNESS: tweeds, sheepskin, checks, Tanna lawn prints, argyle and cable knits and wear in an unconventional mix. VOLUME: the new skirt/dress has flare. COLOURS: pumpkin (challenging). lichen (easier), black and white (mevitable) capes. MOOD: Antarc-

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halfway down the catwalk and co-starred with some challenging footwear. Full marks for imagination then, though Marks & Spencer probably

won't be rushing to sign him. Still, if London Fashion Weeks of distant history were about creative anarchy, parties and three-legged trousers. now the event is also about things you might actually want to wear, even if this season was by no means a collective tour de force.

You might, for instance, be sorely tempted by any number of pieces by Matthew Williamson, who presented his best collection since his catwalk debut in 1997. The catalyst for this show, called Glomad (Day-Glo meets nomads), was the all-white hotel room in which he stayed during a recent visit to India. All-white decor is not really compatible with Williamson, who has forged a reputation for exotic colour and delicate detailing. He bought some cheap neon saris, placed them over the lampshades in his hotel room and was so startled by the effect that when he got home he painted everything in his flat in neon colours - including some of the fabrics for this collection.

The vibrant cashmeres with which Williamson made his name were still there, in jewelcoloured vests with vents up the front. But he has evolved from fragile-looking clothes to rugged hessians layered over luminous silks and trimmed with velvets and beads to make skirts that bridged the divide between evening and day wear beautifully.

Evening wear is something that British designers do well. At Paul Smith embroidered silk skirts and drop-waisted dresses were as pretty as the Cecil Beaton portraits of the Twenties "It girl" Datsy Fel-lowes, which presumably in-spired them. Clements Ribeiro's textured velvet chiffon skirts were immensely desirable. And at Elspeth Gibson there was a winter version of the peasant top in velver. Just add a pair of her lichen trousers and you have the casualdressy approach to evenings

However, there is another evening dress code emerging. first sighted seasons ago at Yamamoto: the fully blown ball skirt. Ghost had vaguely Victorian ones, reinforced by the lace-up boots that were teamed with everything. Ben de Lisi's came in grey with a cowl-neck top; Deborah Milner's were in silver-matted orange wool. Milner, who has carved a name for herself with made-to-measure wedding dresses for various fashionistas, showed on the catwalk for the first time, with mixed results. This smacked of a graduate show with too many ideas designed to impress and not

enough of the gorgeous clothes that she can do. Someone who has mastered the art of combining technical wizardry with beautiful clothes is Hussein Chalayan. Last week's collection was a stunning display of how inordinately complicated ideas can be wrought into serenely simple-looking pieces. Out they floated, those perfect woollen shift dresses and boxy jackets with matching skirts. Although his presentation veers towards the pretentious, he doesn't feel the need to point out how clever he is with his clothes. The only flashy moments were the asymmetric

millefeuille layered felt skirts. In less skilled hands they

would have looked ugly, but

LUGGING half of London's

press-release output around this week. I've also had plenty

of cause to ponder that great imponderable: why is it impossible to find a bag that is

They're either too small or

so big that you end up lug-

ging around a laptop, a mo-bile and three changes of

clothing to stop the thing im-ploding. And the problem

will intensify next winter with

the flat pouch that is set to be-

come the bag of the season

... or so I thought. After re-search on the accessories

stands in the exhibition part

of London Fashion Week, I

feel a solution in the offing. J

and M Davidson's flat, shag-

gy ponyskin pouch, with a

strap that slings across the

body, is big enough for the

bare essentials - wallet, keys, phone and lipstick, making

hem more accessible — while

their not-too-big leather, ny-

ion or tweed holdail will car-

ry the overflow. Both are

quirky, chic and practical -

but not cheap. Dollargrand

and Accessorize will have

budget versions by autumn.

You can take both these

shapes to the office and nip

out to lunch with just the

Designers are looking to in-

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ust the right size?

der McQueen's puffball wool dresses were a different solution to the same problem. This was another moment that combined some of the best showmanship in the world with fabulous clothes - pin-sharp frock coats, curvy quilted jackets, poncho dresses - against a swirling, snowy background complete with howling wolves. Spookily, Julien Macdonald opted for a snowcape, too, but while McQueen's was haunt-

ject volume into fashion's previ-

ously slim silhouette. Alexan-

ingly apocalyptic, Macdon-ald's was kitsch. Owen Gaster's version was just cold, though he did come up trumps with a real wolf. That's the thing about London: you wait for years for a wolf, then three come along at the same time.

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pouch, which could also dou-ble as a night-time accessory since the dinky, decorative beaded bags we have all been wearing are going to look odd with the new, sportier evening wear looks that are bound to slip into the shops. OK, so you will need two bags — but then, life isn't perfect.

IT'S endearing to observe the effort that Madonna puts into staying ahead of the fashion pack. The energy required to maintain her biceps pales beside that expended on acquiring those £10,000 embroidered lilac Gueri tronsers she wore at the Grammys Outfit No 33 in the last show. Madonna ordered them three months ago. Not that money changed hands. As an insider says, once they hit the shops she won't want















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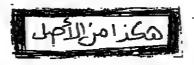
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Imbecile firmly charge

n recent years the tiny Gate has accomplished so much — from redis-covering Spanish plays of the Golden Age to introducing us to the German drama-tist Marie-Luise Fleisser to giving spare, simple productions of Kenneth McLeish's stunningly bold translations of Euripides - that it has every reason to make a fuss of itself.

It may, if it likes, celebrate its 20th birthday with a season called Idiots, "devoted to the sensibly challenged". It may even declare in its publicity bumf that "imbeciles are very firmly in charge at the Gate". We know it is the theatre's jokily disingenuous way of preparing us for Cervantes's Don Quixote and the satirical East European plays that will fol-

Or do we, and is it? If the Don in his most mentally ad-dled mood had personally di-rected David Johnston's adaptation of his biography, he could not have produced anything more inept and incoherent. Somehow the long firstnight interval summed up an event I was already categorising as good reason to get a few millennia off my time in Purgatory. True, it broke up an evening that lasted over three hours - but was it really necessary to send the wretched audience out of the auditorium to loiter in the cramped foyer. booze in the depressing pub below, or simply wander the cold Notting Hill streets?

When we returned to our seats, someone had shifted the sawdust on the stage floor. But the set, a drear blend of scaffolding and rope fashionably placed between two rows of spectators, seemed unchanged. The actors were still mooching about in their ugly village clothes or slumping just offstage. Part Two was much the same as Part One, only duller.

hilarious incidents in the original novel, and a few of these are included in Marta Momblant Ribas's production. Patfied owner. He confuses inns with castles, rips apart pup-pets who have offended his sense of chivalry, rescues a shepherd's boy from a de-served beating. Whether he tilts at windmills I cannot be sure, for the moment passed in a twinkling during which latecomers were distracting me. But little else is particularly lucid and nothing else is funny, so it hardly matters.

good-natured Sancho Panza emerges with some credit from the deconstructionist banalities on offer, but otherwise imbecility is the mot juste.



There are, of course, many rick Kealey's monotonously grave and earnest Quixote mis-takes a barber's basin for the magic helmet of Mambrino and snatches it from its stupe-

Nor is pace or clarity helped by the introduction of a narrator-guru in the form of Cide Hamete Benengali, whom Cervantes pretended was his story's inventor, and two female listener-commentators, both in modern togs and one with a half-penetrable accent. He gives them plonkingly obvious lectures about imagination, reality, reason and the other subjects the adapter wishes us to ponder — "nothing is what it seems, have you forgotten that already, my little budgeri-gars?" -- while they do little but take up space and time. Mehmet Ergen's earthily

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PUCCINI'S early master-piece is now more than 100 Fresh and juicy years old but remains as mi-



As revived here by Caroline Chancy, the production mixes humour and pathos in the same way as Puccini's score. By the final act, the poverty is inescapable. The Bohemians' garret looks (in Michael Updating the action by a few Yeargan's designs) like a decades to the time of the opera's composition, it remains squal Marcello has had to realistic and traditional - but compromise his ideals and is never conventional. Above all, busy producing a still life that will be easy to sell. In these surroundings it is not surprisit is a staging that "listens" to the music, recognising that ing that Mimi's death seems Puccini never sentimentalises the hard existence of these Boeven more painful than usual. It belps that all the princi-

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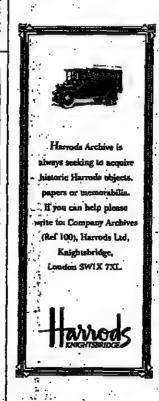
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pals are young this is not the strongest east WNO has ever fielded in La Boheme, but they are an evenly matched group of singing actors. It is less belp that on the opening night they were often swamped by the orchestra under Graham Jackson. After a slightly scrappy start, Jackson settled down to conduct a performance full of theatrical life, but overdid the juice in what

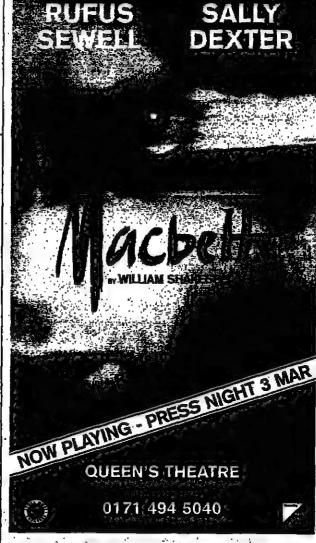
is already a very juicy score. Alwyn Mellor gives per-haps the most fully rounded performance, singing with glowing tone and charting Mimi's decline poignantly. The Bohemians make a lively

quartet, but Gwyn Hughes Jones's Rodolfo stands out for his sweetly lyrical tone. Simon Thorpe's Marcello is more deeply characterised, an overgrown naughty boy at the start who is perhaps most af-feeled by events, and be boasis a warm baritone. Dean Robinson's Colline and Matthew Hargreaves's Schaunard are not overshadowed, however, and the latter sings the best Italian. Gail Pearson's perky Musetta is dynamite in a small package, and her siender soprano rides the ensembles brightly.

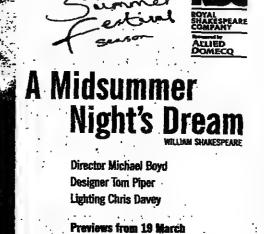
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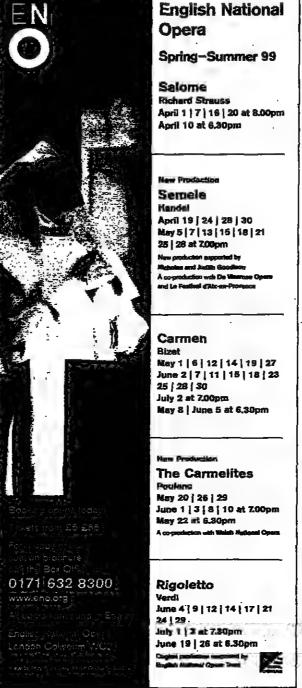




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Mixed in with Asian spice **COMEDY:** Goodness Gracious Me is

attracting a mainstream audience to the theatre. Clive Davis reports

here had been mutter-ings that the level of inspiration was starting to wobbie by the end of the second television series of Goodness Gracious Me. So it is refreshing to report that the stage version, which is on tour until the middle of next month, scores one greatest hit after another.

In a glum week for news on the race front, it was also encouraging to see not just a full house but a decidedly mixed crowd. When GGM star Sanjeev Bhaskar performed an accomplished solo show at the South Bank just after Christmas, he played to an audience that was 99 per cent Asian. Here at the Reading Hexagon was proof, if it were needed, that he and his colleagues are mainstream talents too.

Bhaskar and Meera Syal have attracted most of the critical attention so far, partly for the very good reason that they contribute their own material. But this evening was very much a collective success. Kulvinder Ghir's downing is put to superb use, particularly in a parody of an all-action, all-dancing movie hero. Nina Wa-dia makes a convincing transi-tion from miniskinted Asian "fegiri" to the indomizable Mrs Bedi, a matriarch who is never caught without an aubergine in her handbag. The whole en-terprise fizzes with the self-confidence of a Westernised generation that has come of age.

British paternalism receives ritual poke in the eye in Toby Longworth's cameo performances as a nostalgic colonial gent and a dim-witted back-

comes in for much more of a hiding. Gurus are treated with jovial disrespect, and we are in-troduced to a new chain of restaurants, Planet Bollywood

Some of the skits looked underpowered on a stage as large as the Hexagon's Anil Gupta's direction would benefit from a little tightening. But we do have the opportunity to relive the English restaurant sketch, an instant classic which depicts a table full of Bombay rowdies bullying a timid Caucasian waiter: Whars the blandest dish on

Craig Charles's role in another offbeat BBC2 series, Red Dwarf, forms one of the selling points for his national tour. Not that there were many touches of the surreal in his performance at Oxford Brookes University - apart from the bizarre sight of him lowering his trousers to display a chic set of stockings and suspenders. His well-publicised spell in prison supplies the meatiest sequence in his routine. For all the cheeky Scouse swagger he brings to his tales from a darkened cell, there is no mistaking the fear and loathing underneath.

The rest, though, tends to fall into a predictable run through off-colour toilet and sex jokes. Even an account of a trip to Bill Gates's empire turns into an excuse to linger in the aeroplane's WC. A pity At his best, when he allows his stream-of-consciousness indignation to bubble over into a poem. Charles conveys a real sense of individuality.

Good guys don't win prizes tight for

CINEMA: Jeff Bridges may be

Hollywood's most underrated star but it has never bothered him.

as Lesley O'Toole discovered

ear and paranoia are themes which perme-ate Jeff Bridges's films, and his new one - Arlington Road, opening in Britain this month - is no exception. A psychological thriller about neighbours who are not all they seem, it is precisely the kind of movie Bridges likes to see. "I love it when the filmmaker is ahead of the viewer and there are so many twists that you don't know how something will turn out."

That, more than the role, proved the attraction here. That and his co-star, Tim Robbins, who, as the first star name attached to the project, had his pick of two equally in-teresting male lead roles. Bridges did not mind that whatever Robbins left was his own role, "Sometimes it's the other way round," he adds.

Bridges was also attracted by the film's "Hitchcockian feel" rather than its political I don't subject-matter (American-based think I terrorism and its white militia perpetrators), "For me, ever went the film is a fantasy on that level, though in Britain down that things must be very different. You have movie star grown up with terrorism but even afpath? ter something like the Oklahoma

bombing, Ameri-cans still don't give the topic much credence. We prefer to live in a state of denial because we really don't want to think about these things."

Yet Bridges knows only too well that his on-screen paranoia in Arlington Road is both plausible and rooted in fact. On the film's set in Houston, Texas, last year. Bridges met many extras who had family and friends affiliated with white militia groups and he believes that a societal malaise persists in the country in spite of its buoyant economy. "I don't know that the state of the economy is entirely satisfying to everyone. Jobs are so lowpaying that families still can't afford roofs over their head or the health cover they need."

luxury of being able to pick and choose his work. Clearly. his motivation is neither financial nor careerist. At 50, he is not only more handsome and versable than Harrison Ford but seven years younger. Yet he has eschewed the conventional leading-man roles which could have placed him in the \$20-million-per-movie pantheon. Asked which specific hits he passed on, Bridges responds with a slightly be-mused: "I'm really not sure which films people mean when they say that, but I don't think I ever went down that movie star path. I always enjoy taking a 90-degree turn from the last thing I did."

The American film critic

OPERA & BALLET

Bridges "may be the most natural and least self-conscious screen actor that ever lived". He has his own thoughts on the reasons he is able to imbue every character with credibility. "Audiences bring information into the theatre about what they last saw an actor in. Because I've done so many different roles, it's easier for me to project a character on to the actor so when people see me on screen, they think, Maybe

he's the bad guy, maybe nor."
Though he enjoyed making
Arlington Road, Bridges's experience was tinged with sad-ness when his father Lloyd Bridges died during the shoot For years, Bridges doubted his merit as an actor, well aware of having a "foot in the door because my Dad was who he was". Though he made his film debut at the age of nine months — "I didn't do a very

good job, they couldn't get me to cry" - it was not until he had made ies as an adult that he decided acting was what he want ed to focus on. His inauspi-cious film debut op-

was followed by a few parts on his father's television series. Sea Hunt. "He'd always say, 'Do you want to do this part? You'll be gone from school for a couple of weeks.

posite Jane Green

And when you're eight years old, it's kind of fun." A little further on, he quessimply because his father did but eventually realised that they wouldn't hire me if I was

no good. After that, the feeling

started to go away." Two Academy Award nominations by the age of 25 helped. At 22, he was nominated as Best Supporting Actor for his endearing guy-next-door in Peter Bogdanovich's The Last Picture Show and three years later for Thunder bolt and Lightfoot. In the 1980s. Bridges enjoyed a spectacular run, winning Best Actor for his alien masquerading box-office success again the same year in Against All Odds, though the success of that film paled next to that of Jagged Edge.

ut his early populari-ty with Academy members did not convert into the recognition he should have earned for a clutch of 1990s films - The Fisher King, Fearless and the low-budget Ameri-can Heart, which he also produced, Janet Maslin, The New York Times film critic, calls him "the most underappreciated great actor of his generation", though she was not thinking of The Mirror Has Two Faces, starring and direct-Pauline Kael once wrote that ed by Barbra Streisand and

THEATRES



Laid back: Jeff Bridges is unfazed by his lack of awards — "I'm constantly surprised that I am still surprised in this business"

paign for the film, the book will make an excellent gift for mused suitor.

Unsurprisingly, given his huge resumé, Bridges cannot name a favourite film. "I have g bit of fondness for all of them. Sometimes I feel the end result, the movie, is almost a by-product of the real process. which is just being alive, finding out about yourself and your character and having relationships with the people you're working with." Bridges documents each filming experience by photographing it extensively. Polygram bought "thousands" of his photos taken on the set of Arlington Road and printed a

In fact, Bridges is so long overdue some awards that he probably fancied his chances when those Academy favourites, the Coen brothers, wrote a part for him in The Big Lebowski, their follow-up to Fargo. The film, though, generated none of the generation-tran-

scending buzz of its predecessor. Was he surprised? "I was because it made me laugh and, for me, John Turturro's performance is unbelievable. But then I'm constantlimited edition of 5,000 promoly surprised that I'm still surtional books, with handwritprised in this business. I adten captions by Bridges. If anymire the Coen brothers so much because they're so not one mounts an awards cam-

the Golden Globe voters. (Os-

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hoopla. They're totally lowkey." So too is the very affable Bridges, who lives a singularly normal-sounding life in an idyllic beach town north of Los Angeles with his wife and three teenage daughters.

is life outside work consists mostly of "music and œramics". Not only is he not worried about his own neighbours: he makes music with them. He also plays guitar and piano for the ensemble's "jazzy stuff with some rock and some pop". When feeling in need of creative stimulus, he tackles a 12-week course prescribed by the book The Artist's Way.

"Each day, the first thing you

stream of consciousness. Mine normally starts off with something like 'I really, really, really don't feel like doing this'. You empty all this stuff out and then, all of a sudden, oth-

er things just come out."

Bridges emptied another load of "stuff" on his daughters before signing on for The Big Lebowski. "I was so conflicted because I was thinking, 'I'm going to play this dope-smoking guy. What about my girls? What kind of role model is that?" He sat them down and gave them a long speech. "I was sweating. Finally, I ran out of words and they just looked at me and said, 'Dad,

Arlington Road is released in Britain on March 19

comfort

eethoven is really rather early music for Nikolai Demidenko. The Russian pianist, who has collected awards for his recordings of Mediner, Tchaikovsky and Scriabin, was likely to have very much his own way with Beethoven. And so it was when his Pathétique and Tem-pest Sonatas exploded on the Barbican Hall on Tuesday.

At the start of the Pathétique, the energy which is coiled into those severe open-ing chords, ready to break out in the impulsive rising figures which follow, seemed in Demidenko's hands compacted Where Beethoven's strength and imagination seems constantly to be expanding, breaking its own bounds, Demipressing itself, rigorously scaling down. This generated its own idiosyncratic excitement. The outer movements fairly



crackled with nervous tension,

setting into relief a central slow movement so thoughtfully phrased that its song was heard breathing anew. And there was to be no relaxation of tension. Demidenko's tall frame remained crouched over the keyboard, taut with

anticipation.
For Beethoven's Tempest Sonata, he found a compellingly hushed and exploratory opening. As the fingers touched each rising note into being, it seemed as if anything could happen. And each time those quiet, self-communing phrases returned out of the hurlyburly, they grew more isolat-ed, until finally they were con-

jured into song, as if from another, far distant frequency.

There was a palpable sense of physical relief as Demidenko turned to Liszt and was able to severed himself, once able to spread himself once more, stretching every sinew of his body and that of the piano itself.

The young Liszt certainly in-tended to test both performer and instrument in the Etudes d'execution transcendante d'aprés Paganini. Demidenko played two of them: La chasse. rhythmic control, and La Campanella, in which he seemed to have not quite enough freedom to tease out the whimsy.

There was not much of a smile on his face, either, in the two operatic transcriptions which framed the Etudes and his powerfully shaped Ballade No 2 in B minor. The Waltz and Capriccio on two themes from "Lucia et Parisina" was nicely deadpan in its virtuosity. But Lisza's paraphrase de concert on Rigoletto was, after all, quite the most outrageous-ly successful PR package for Verdi's opera before Jonathan Miller's juke-box and Demidenko's frenzied performance made it just a little less fun.

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Blair books his ticket to euroland

A danger to the Tories as the

odds shorten on entry

othing is inevitable in politics. But there are British entry into the euro is now probable. Tony Blair has made entry a strategic aim of his Government. For all the careful wording of his Comprevious ambiguities that allowed some sceptic commenta-tors to delude themselves that he was really on their side. The Government will now actively seek to achieve entry. Of course, like any shrewd politician, Mr Blair left himself a let-out clause by stress-

ing the economic tests. However, failure to join in the next Parliament would be a huge setback for his strategy of closer involvement in the European Union, and would force a reassessment of his whole foreign policy. This is leaving aside the possibility of defeat in a referendum. which could be fatal to his premiership, but he would not call one unless he was sure of

winning.
The latest MORI poll for The Times indicates that opinion has become less hostile to entry. The precise figures showing an even balance for and against might differ with a slightly altered question, but the trend is clear and is backed by other recent polls. More significant is that half the public is persuadable either way, depending on what it thinks would be best for the

economy. So much for the myth of a firmly sceptic electorate. Moreover, over two thirds of the public regards entry as likely inevitable.

A sizeable minority of the public, now about a quarter, is strongly opposed to participa-

the position of the Tory leadership and is William Hague's instinct ("a nation that has decided its own destiny for 1,000 years"), rather than just

ruling out entry for the next absolute position may also be limiting the Tory potential for recovery. A recent MORI poll commissioned by John Stevens and Brendan Donnelly, the former Tory MEPs and founders of the new Pro-European Conservative Party. showed that a pro group led by Michael Heseltine and Kenneth Clarke might not only attract 13 per cent support (against 19 per cent for Mr Hague's party) but it could also win back Tory defectors from Labour and the Liberal

Democrats. Stevens-Donnelly group may be no more than spoilers in this June's European elections, but their activity shows that Mr Hague cannot assume that a majority will rally to a "save the pound" call. That may be true of a hard core, but any referendum will be decided by the much larger number whose vote will be swayed by their economic

The Government's case is

that Britain would be left behind outside the euro with

people worse off and investment at risk. Joining will be presented as a logical step rather than a big leap. That means showing that the euro is successful and that Britain would fit into euroland.

Serious tensions do exist, as shown by the squabbling between finance ministers and the European Central Bank, and by the failure at Friday's summit to make progress over reform of the budget and farm policies. Mr Blair has to be able to show that Europe is reforming itself and that its labour, capital and product markets are becoming more

However, arguments over the proposed key on art sales and the threat to the Eurobond market from a withholding tax make the EU appear less attractive, and Mr Blair also has to show that further moves towards closer integration and qualified majority voting are not against British interests.

Ine New Europe group launched today by David The New Europe Owen, with mainstream-cen-trist backing, is fighting on this ground with its anti-monetary union but pro-European line, a socially acceptable scep-ticism that is not right-wing. But how does it avoid the

embrace of the ultras? Mr Clarke and Mr Heseltine are now happy to work in an all-party campaign with Mr Blair. Will Lord Owen's group be content to sit with Bill Cash and his allies?

The Owen approach is more fundamentally flawed. Despite legitimate doubts over monetary union, the group still believes that Britain can pick and choose

> EU it wants to join with no adverse consequences. But Britain cannot really have a central role in the EU if it is outside monetary union for long. Other countries, and many in the City and big busi-ness accept, albeit reluctantly, that

which bits of the

Britain cannot join for three or four But any longer and Britain will suffer a loss of

business and investment. Moreover, the policies adopted by the euro it will have a direct impact on Britain, and we will have no influence on them outside the euro. Many Tories are content to accept such a detached position, and want Britain to renegotiate its relationship with the EU anyway. The Owen group wants Britain to be part of Europe, yet, as Mr Blair has come to recognise, that is not consistent with being outside a

¬ he debate will turn on these questions of economic advantage. The Tories are in danger of being seen not just as split, as they may be in the Euro elections, but also as detached from most of mainstream business. As Mr Blair remarked last Tuesday, there could even be "the delicious irony of going into the next general election with the only fears on the financial markets being the prospect of a Tory election

successful single currency.

There is still a big task of persuasion, and winning a referendum will not be easy. especially if the Tories recover strongly at the next election. But by at last taking a lead, Mr Blair has started to shift the odds in favour of entry. peter.riddell@the-times.co.uk



We haven't a prayer

y grandson Wilfrid, who is four years old, was getting annoyed with his mother; in the angry voice little boys use, he said: "I want you out of my language." That was how I felt when I read the text of the millennium "prayer"; it has so annoyed the Archbishops of Canterbury and Westminster that they are thinking of boycoming the Dome on millennium night. They will, in any case, be much better off with their own congregations, in their own

cathedrals, praying to their God.
The Dome has no faith, though it smells faintly of neo-paganism.
The prayer, as quoted in the Daily Mail, reads: "Let there be respect for the Earth, peace for its people. low in our lives delight in the good. love in our lives, delight in the good, forgiveness for past wrongs, and from now on a new start."

No mention of God; no mention of Christ. The churches are said to be spending £6 million sending a copy of this string of slogans. together with a free candle, to 18 million homes in Britain. Apart from the Dome itself, there can hardly be a greater waste of money. There are quite enough people in Britain already who speak in cliches - almost all of the new Labour Party for a start — without spending E6 million on dumbing down our language still further.

My first reaction to the millennium prayer was to compare it with genuine prayers, with the Lord's Prayer, psalms, with the prayers of great religions. It does, indeed, borrow some religious language. "Let there be" comes from the first chapter of the Book of Genesis. "And God said, 'let there be light': and there was light." "Respect" is a word used in the Mafia to describe the deference appropriate to the leader of a criminal organisation. "Respect for the Earth" is a green

to "peace in our time", which Neville Chamberlain, on his return from Munich, borrowed from the Book of Common Prayer. "People" is, of course, a new Labour word, as in "People's Princess". "Love in our lives" occupies an intermediate position between a religious statement and the lyric of an old-fashloned popular song; it could well be the last line of one of those mawkish modern hymns written for children. "Delight in the good" is a mysterious, even ambiguous, phrase. Are we being advised to

"Peace for its people" is quite close

expert might savour a glass of

delight in good things, as a wine

From the millennium prayer to government by cliché and the dumbing of ITV, we are in the grip of dunces

Château-Lafite, or a silver connoisseur might admire a Paul Storr saltcellar? Or are we simply supposed to delight in doing good, which often involves labour and self-sacrifice? Isaac Watts thought that all creatures delighted in the natural appetites God had given them. "Let dogs delight to bark and bite, For God hath made them so; Let begin and flight, For bits them nature to "".

For 'tis there nature too." "Forgiveness for past wrongs" mixes one of the petitions of the Lord's Prayer with

the modern hablt of apologising for historic evils, such as the slave trade or the potato famine. My own Irish ancestors were on the potato famine, so I regularly apologise to them on behalf of my English ancestors. Finally, one comes to "and from now on a new which sounds like a new Labour slogan for

the next general The whole thing is not a prayer at comes on at a late hour, and has all. As the Daity Mail reports: been encouraged to follow the "Supporters point out that it was carefully composed to the the dreary agenda of nolitical composed. carefully composed so that it could be used by Christians, those of other faiths and those of no faith at all." It is a political statement, designed to persuade people of differing views that they are in agreement when they are not. I do not know whether it is more offensive for its stylistic clumsiness, for the meretricious use of fragments of real prayers, or for the mind-numbing combination of

vacuity of meaning with intellectual

The Dome has become the grand

dishonesty.

national symbol of the process of dumbing down. It is splendid news that the Jubilee Line may not be finished, so the best way to get there on the night may be to abandon one's car in Greenwich and jog through a disused container port. That sounds an ideal way to celebrate the start of the new In Inspector Clouseau's accent,

"dome", "dump", "damp", and "dumb" all sound very much the same. The Prime Minister has told the Queen she must spend millennium night in a dumb dome, or perhaps in a damp dump. That will make her the new People's Queen, and help him to remain the new People's Prime Minister.

Another, and more than symbolic, dumbing-down has been the wanton destruction of independent television. I hope it will be discussed at the conference on dumbing-down

which The Times Litterary Supple ment is mounting next Friday. For 30 years, ITV produced some of the best television in Britain, passing the BBC. It has already been reduced to a shadow of what it once was. One can read the ITV programme on most nights without seeing anything that raises a flicker

of interest or pleas-ure. Even the great

I am not criticising ITV for

excessive emphasis on popular

entertainment - would that I could

- but for the oceanic boredom of its

schedules. From 8pm to 9pm this evening, a peak viewing hour, ITV will be showing 30 minutes of surveillance footage, taken by HM Customs, followed by a half hour of home improvements on the Wirral Of course, there is always Coronation Street: "Maxine struggles to cope at the salon in the absence of Audrey, while Gary and Judy decide on godparents for the twins." There is gritty socialism for you. However, there has always been the compensation of News at Ten, topical, well-presented, well-edited, the most professional of the network news services. For more than 40 years that has remained an excellent news programme; in its first years it forced the BBC to modernise

news broadcasting in the early 1960s, I remember ITN introducing the first televised Budget broadcast and the first live computer forecasts on the general election night pro-gramme. Alastair Burnet presented both of them; I had the good luck to be one of the talking heads. Now News at Ten is to go, despite the well-deserved popularity, and the seriousness, of Trevor McDonald.

From dawn to dewy eve. ITV will be duliness, duliness, duliness. The commercial companies are, in the their own commercial terms, destroying what used to be the strongest of network brands. Of course, as the ITV network vanishes down the plughole, it will still be possible to waith the Jerry Springer Show. Jerry Springer has a sinister rather than merely mindless vulgari-ty. News at Ten is dead, but Jerry

As with the dumb Dome, com-plete with its God-free spirit zone, Tony Blair's Government must share the blame for the destruction of the ITV tradition. Chris Smith, the Culture Secretary, is also responsible for broadcasting. He appointed Gerry Robinson, the chairman of Granada, as the chairman of the Arts Council. Mr Robinson dumbed. -down Granada, and has done his best to dumb down the Arts Council as well. Mr Smith continues to ooze sincerity and soundbites on television as the apostle of support for the

British public life to substitute propaganda images for political debate. From the start of his leadership, he spoke in soundbites for the soundbites came. He uses political language to sentimentalise and dissolve the real issues of policy, not to define them. It is rather the same as a conjurer using patter to distract his audience from what he is actually doing. No doubt this is a worldwide fashion. President Clinton himself abuses, language as well as women. Alexander Pope described the triumph of unreason in the Dunci-

he Prime Minister has

done more than anyone in

ad. "Lo! Thy dread empire. Chaos, is restored; Light dies before thy uncreating word." Our national dialogue has been denatured; in religion, in politics, in social debate there has been a substitution of soin and image for language, truth and logic. I am extending Wilfrid's motto: "I want the dunces out of my language."

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Tally low

LEAKY roofs at the National Trust, courtesy of the Prince of Wales's friends: the wrangle over the charity's ban on staghunting is heading for the courts again, and its coffers are emptying sharpish.

The trust, which has already spent more than £200,000 on legal fees, is being pursued with renewed vigour by the Devon and Somerset Staghounds, whose supporters in-clude Hugh Van Cutsem, a pal of Prince Charles, Money for the case has to be diverted from conserva-

My tip for a better use of funds: Hardwick Hall, the Duke of Devonshire's former ancestral seat — memorably described by Lord Torrington as "one of the proudest piles I ever beheld" - which is crumbling to dust in trust hands. Says a big welly: They should put down their briefs and get back to

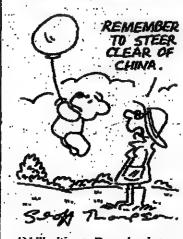
CRISPIAN MILLS, Sir John Mills's pop-singing grandson, on debauchery: "I grew up with pictures of my Mum [Hayley Mills, below, with clan looking very young, standing with John Wayne or Walt Disney. That did



AN archbishop has fallen out with his estate agent, and is worried about a lost 68 million. Alwyn Rice Jones, the Archbishop of Wales, had his unhappy brush with Mammon after flogging Church of Wales land for £27 million: shortly afterwards, the canny buyer sold it on for £35 million. Over to Knight Frank, the land's valuers, who tell me cautiously: "We understand the Church is still considering its position."

IS Rosie Boycott the new Parky? My close chum, the Editor-in-Chief of Express Newspapers, has told friends she wants to be a chat show host. Her hoped-for outlet, Channel 5, is about as popular as her current home.

LAWYERS have been ruminating over the appointment of Mr Justice Lightman to hear the most recent BCCI case. In his more humble days as a QC, Lightman defended Abbas Gokal, one of the BCCI baddies. After Lord Hoffmann's Amnesty troubles, this is sensitive stuff, but Cherie Booth, one of the defending lawyers, was happy: she spoke to Lightman about his record and was convinced of his impartiality.



AN illegitimate Dome has been born. The company building the real thing is erecting a

50-metre-high practice tent for the
circus types who will perform at
Greenwich.

■ NICK HORNBY turned to laddish novel-writing after his inky ambitions were thwarted. Hornby, a recent £2 million transfer to Penguin, was a listless graduate when he applied to the journalism course at City University. Cruelly rebuffed, he turned his hand to fiction. "We look for commitment, aptitude and personality," says Linda Christmas, City's current taskmistress. "Anyway, journalism is not about writing."

ROYAL cinematic preferences will be clear when the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh visit Angels, the world's largest theatrical costumiers, on Thursday. While the Queen will peruse outfits from Elizabeth and Shakespeare in Love. Prince Philip has asked to see the Nazi uniforms from Saving

JASPER GERARD

'Those Tsars, Tsarinas and party General Secretaries who are internationally considered the most impressive were often the maddest' which could be his, and in fact already is his since Boris Yeltsin intentions are less of a secret, are

o watch the increasingly trenzied race to be President of Russia, you would be forgiven for getting the impression that the job was somehow a desirable one, that you would not have to be seriously unstable to

It seems that everyone who is anyone, from film directors to food magnates, is enthusiastically denying any intention to run (seemingly the accepted way of announcing the beginning of your presidential campaign).

To any outside observer, the advantages of being President here would appear to be few. In fact, aside from the fact that the Moscow traffic is completely cleared from the roads to allow the smooth passage of your entourage, they are non-existent. No leader in the whole documented history of the country can be characterised either by their uniformly great achievements or

by their sanity. Those Tsars, Tsarinas and General Secretaries who are internationally considered the most impressive were often the maddest.

Aleksei Konstantinovich Tolstoy's 19th-century poem History of Russian Government is a satire documenting Russia's changes of leadership, and. though he recounts the literary triumphs of Catherine the Great's reign and the naval prowess of Peter the Great, the following refrain echoes throughout the poem: "Our country is and the three is call to order rich but there is still no order

Yet to this day there are plenty of people clamouring to create some. It seems that half the presidential pretenders do not themselves know why they seek power. Yevgeni Primakov genuinely had no desire to step in when persuaded to become Prime Minister last September,

and such is the mad-ness of Russian political life that he is one of the most popular contenders for President in 2000, although he still insists that he will not be running. Vladimir Dovgan

however, a 36-year-old food and drink millionaire, has saturated the airwaves and billboards with adverts for his new Dovgan

Party, even though he has failed to register even for December's parliamentary elections. He says he may run for President in 2004. Nobody believes Primakov's claims of non-participation but I think his reluctance is entirely understandable. Primakov has said he wants to retire and do some fishing, which sounds good when compared with the job of constant crisis management



shadows of illness and incapacitation. Sergei Kiryenko the youthful former Prime Minister, ousted after precipitating the financial crisis last August, has also hurled him-self back into the fray with his bid for a

parliamentary seat centring on a series of heartwarming television advertise-ments which depict him building

a toy town with his son. His party, Novaya Sila, runs under the slogan "do it yourself", though Kiryenko has hinted that he might, in fact, do it with Primakov in the presidential elections, should the Prime Minister finally decide to run. In a televised interview last

Thursday night, Kiryenko attest-ed to his relative sanity and said that he hates politics. Although he could easily become a businessman or a consultant, it seems, nevertheless, that he just. cannot help himself. The film director Nikita

Mikhalkov, who has admitted the remote possibility of his running for President if asked, launched his campaign last week with the premiere of his new patriotic film The Barber of Siberia, described by some as "an advert for Russia".

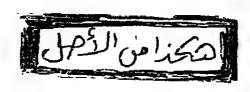
None of the world's many

"whither, Russia?" pontificaters really fancy Mikhalkov's political chances this time round. since Primakov is at least managing to maintain the distance and dignity required of a man not running for President, while strenuously consolidating his power base

The other candidates, whose comment@the-times.co.uk

hysterically rallying support. Governor Aleksandr Lebed, Afghan War veteran and currently top of the volatile presidential succession polls, is set to attend the eighth annual Night of 100 Stars Oscar viewing party at the Beverly Hills Hotel as part of his unlikely effort to appear more palarable to the West, and Yuri Luzhkov, the Mayor of Moscow. Luzhkov, the Mayor of Moscow, continues to dazzle Muscovites and visitors to the city with Moscow's new-look cleanliness and relative affluence.

People such as Grigori Yavlinsky, of Yabloko, can be virtually ruled out on grounds of sanity, whereas Gennadi Zyuganov, the leader of the Communists, well, you only have to take one look at him to see that this is a man who must really, really want to govern Russia.



THE COMMONS INTEREST

MPs should support radical reform of the Lords

The Royal Commission on Reform of the House of Lords will today hold its first official meeting. In nine months it must produce a blueprint for reform. Lord Wakeham's appointment to the commission in January was widely welcomed because of his reputation as an efficient and flexible chairman. It was assumed then that additional constitutional expertise would be offered by other members of his committee. Although the 12 people who will assemble this morning are distinguished figures, relatively few have specific knowledge of this area. This has fuelled fears, as we report in our pages today, that the commission might feel confident to

recommend only the minimum changes. A limited approach might restrict itself merely to the abolition of the 91 hereditary peers allowed for in the plan that cost Viscount Cranborne his job last year and the introduction of a similar number of elected or even indirectly elected individuals. The bulk of the new body would be nominated. The powers of the Lords might be reduced to offset the new authority that even a slightly more democratic chamber could hold. This would be a grave mistake, producing an Upper House neither sufficiently elected to make its weight effective, nor sufficiently empowered to play the proper role of a second chamber. That would not correct the imbalances between executive and legislature that are at the core of Britain's constitutional difficulties.

. There is, however, a powerful lobby in favour of such a flawed solution. It consists almost exclusively of long-serving members of the House of Commons. This cross-party contingent shares the sentiment that any truly credible second chamber would inevitably eclipse the standing of the Lower House. The larger the elected element, it is feared, the more intense is that threat. Lord Wakeham and Gerald Kaufman, the senior Labour Party appointee on the commission, might conclude that the reform which will be most widely welcomed in Parliament, thus

ensuring a swift passage into law, is one that closely reflects the wishes of such MPs. This would be a major miscalculation of Parliament's best interests. It is not the case that a strengthened House of Lords must automatically lead to a commensurate reduction in the status of the Commons. Throughout this century the formal and informal powers of the Lords have remorselessly declined. This has not made the Commons an ever more mighty force: The opposite is true. The main beneficiaries of a weak second chamber have been ministers and party managers. They, and

not the House of Commons, would again

be the victors if the Royal Commission

backs only marginal alterations to the structure of the Upper House.

Britain needs both Houses of Parliament to become more vigorous institutions. This alone will allow for rigorous scrutiny of the executive, a searchlight that, by exposing defective policy early, is ultimately in the interests of the Government as well. Serious reform of the House of Lords can be the catalyst for a long overdue modernisation of the House of Commons. Indeed, it may be the only event that emboldens backbenchers on all sides to demand new rights. The Conservative Party has spoken of late of its desire to restore the prestige of Parliament. It can

advance that cause through Lords reform. If the Tories are to have influence, they must act quickly. The committee led by Lord Mackay of Clashfern will shortly produce a set of options which the Shadow Cabinet will then consider. The Conservatives require a single, distinctive and radical proposal. This should lead them towards a reformed House of Lords that is half-elected and half-nominated. The elected section should contain members serving for lengthy, nonrenewable, terms to ensure their independence. Such a programme would put pressure on the Labour Party to endorse an equally imaginative scheme. It would also be an invaluable contribution to this most important debate.

GOOD EUROPEANS AGAINST EMU

A powerful, coherent non-partisan case for staying out

The Commons exchanges that followed Tony Blair's presentation of the National Changeover Plan last week revealed more about the political hand that the Prime Minister intends to play over the next two years than it did about the "objective" economic tests which the Government says will determine its position on EMU Against reasoned, principled argument, his trump will be that those who oppose giving up sterling for the euro have a hidden agenda which is viscerally anti-European. Voters, he will suggest, have more sense than to align themselves with vesterday's men, old Tory does vapping at the heels of history's caravan. He will present the pro-EMU case as part of Labour's modernising agenda, a logical strategy for increasing Britain's international influence as well as its prosperity.

in response to this New Europe, the group that David Owen launches today to put the case against joining, offers a direct and powerfully argued riposte from a distinctively European standpoint. Lord Owen has long championed the European Union; so have the politicians, economists and business leaders around him. This is a non-partisan group of former Cabinet 1 .nisters from Left and Right, Lord Prior as well as Lord Healey, of businessmen and economists who have advised this Government as well as the last. It has resources, trustworthy leadership, and a simple, coherent message.

The heart of New Europe's case is that opposition to joining EMU is entirely consistent with a positive British role in the EU. That role should be to promote an nurward-looking, dynamic Union, close to the governed and politically as well as economically flexible. Not only is staying out consistent with this vision; it would actually fit better with a modern European vision than the fatalistic notion that just because the euro exists. Britain must join. That is because EMU is not only untested, but inherently flawed. A single interest rate cannot, by definition, take account of ional conditions. Rather than guaranteeing stability, growth and high employment, EMU could thus aggravate the rigidities that have inflicted stagnation and dole queues on much of the EU. For Britain, EMU would be a straitjacket.

Politically. EMU implies a federal Europe. A British decision to join would be, as the group points out, "a decisive step towards turning Britain into a mere province of Europe, with a consequent loss not only of independence but of democratic accountability". Outside, Britain retains the advantages of language, light regulation and flexible markets - and in sterling. a currency that would be more stable than the euro against the dollar. For these and other reasons that New Europe identifies, joining "in the foreseeable future" would actually make it harder, not easier, "to achieve the new Europe that we want to see", united, co-operative but not federal.

New Europe speaks to those, probably a majority of the electorate, who know that Britain's destiny lies within the EU but who have deep doubts about the political as well as economic wisdom of taking this irrevocable step. It provides an intellectual home for people of all parties and none. While working with groups such as Business for Sterling, it sees the need to stay well clear of other. Europhobic campaigns against EMU. This is a serious case, argued by serious people. It offers what Britain needs, a proper debate.

TAKE THE HIGH ROAD

The Princess Royal should make Holyroodhouse her home

In 1822. George IV made the first visit to Scotland by a ruling monarch since the to30s. His visit caused a furore. Few Scots had seen their King before. And there he was before their eyes, dressed in a kilt, a germent that had been banned after the subite rebellion. The magic of such a royal progress captivated the public and. 177 years later, faced with the prospect of separatist, centrifugal forces unleashed by devolution, royal advisers are now dreaming up similar plans to bolster the Union. Court sources have been quick to dismiss reports that part of their "Scottish initiative" could include making the Palace of Holyroodhouse the Princess Royal's "official residence". They should think again. Such an act could not be more apposite. George IV would have approved.

Given her close links with Scotland, the Princess Royal has excellent credentials to become a Princess Regent in Edinburgh. She has made more appearances north of the border than any other member of the Royal Family. Her son has played for Scotland in international rugby and she is herself patron of that vital institution, the Scottish Rugby Union.

Even so, the Princess would be forgiven fol viewing the idea with trepidation. She might well be given a frosty reception by

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some, especially members of the Scottish National Party. Its official policy is to retain the Queen as head of state when she is resident in Scotland, with the Speaker of the new parliament fulfilling the role in her absence. Yet according to a 1993 opinion poll, nearly half the SNP's candidates for the parliament would vote to abolish the monarchy. Their republicanism makes a

royal presence even more important. Holyroodhouse lies just a few hundred vards from the Scottish parliament. For the Princess to become a neighbour to politicians charting Scotland's future might be criticised as mere symbolism, but symbolism can be a powerful riposte to the

lures of separatism. A royal resident would remind Scots of the shared values that, even with devolution, bind the United Kingdom, Leaving the palace empty, bar the few weeks each year when the Queen makes it her home. could be cited by the SNP as evidence of an absent, uncaring monarchy, for whom Scotland is little more than a place for holidays. The Royal Family has a crucial, cohesive role to play in tempering Scottish separatism. The pageantry of monarchy might seem out of step with the modernism of new Labour, but it serves as a buckle for the Union and an emblem of continuity.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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euro and "no" or "not yet" for abo-

lition of the pound. It would therefore

be better to delay the referendum, too.

er are of immense consequence for all EU countries; but there is a sixth test, namely the intention of the EU to

incorporate the former Eastern bloc countries in a very few years. Bearing

in mind the impact that unification had, and still has, on the German economy and the mark, we should

remain very cautious about abolish-

ing the pound until those countries

are fully integrated into the EU and performing to the Maastricht criteria.

Sir, The Danes initially voted against

acceptance of the conditions set out in

the Maastricht treaty. Subsequently these conditions were accepted after a

If, in the forthcoming referendum.

the British people reject acceptance of

the euro how many referenda will be necessary before, in the eyes of the

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Government, we "get it right"?

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From Mr Rupert Pepper

Yours faithfully, CLIVE WEBSTER,

Shoelands, Seale,

February 25.

second vote.

Yours sincerely, B. E. DANTON,

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February 28.

Clive Webster Limited,

From Mr B. E. Danton

Farnham, Surrey GU10 IHL.

The problems outlined in your lead-

peace negotiators

From Professor Emeritus Adrian Hastings

Sir. While they prepare for the recommencement of the talks on Kosovo in two weeks time, I suggest that the leaders of Nato ponder four

near-certainties.

First, that the war cannot stop without actual Nato intervention. If it does not stop now, it will go on and on, with ever greater destruction and massacre on the Bosnian model. Nato's reputation will be in shreds and its threats will no longer carry the slightest weight.

Second, that the Kosovan claim to independence is very reasonable and its eventual achievement next to inevitable. Everything now happeninevitable. Everything now happening, and that has happened since 1989, thakes it almost unthinkable that they should agree to remain yoked to Serbia. To close the road to future independence by not allowing for a referendum, even in five years' time. is as gravely undernocratic as it would

be in the case of Scotland.

Third, that, paradoxical as it may seem, the only way to save the surviving Serb minority from extinction is to ensure Kosovan self-government now, with firm minority safeguards. The longer the war continues, the more certain it is that the Serb community will be so antagonised towards its Albanian neighbours that it will not survive.

Fourth, that Milosevic does not care in the least what happens to the Serb minority, any more than he cared about the fate of the Serbs of Krajina. What he cares about is that he stays in power in Belgrade.

ADRIAN HASTINGS, 3 Hollin Hill House. 219 Oakwood Lane, Leeds LS8 2PE. February 26.

'Unsafe' IRA conviction

From Mr Robert Rhodes. QC

Sir, His Honour Joseph Dean (letter, February 17) finds it difficult to see the iustification for the Court of Appeal's recent quashing of the conviction of the alleged IRA terrorist. Nicholas Mullen, because he had been illegally deported from Zimbabwe rather than going through the proper extradition

process. The justification is simple. As Lord Griffiths pointed out in the House of Lords in Bennett v Horseferry Road Magistrates' Court (1993), the judiciary accept a responsibility for the maintenance of the rule of law that, inter alia, refuses to countenance behaviour threatening either basic human rights or the rule of law.

Perhaps another way of putting it is that once the courts allow the executive to stoop to this sort of misconduct, they are reducing themselves to the same level as the allegedly wicked men they are trying.

Yours faithfully. ROBERT RHODES, 4 King's Bench Walk, Temple, EC4Y 7DL

From Mr Charles G. Blake

Sir, His Honour Joseph Dean thinks that the Court of Appeal should not have allowed the appeal of Nicholas Mullen merely because of gross illegality by the Crown before the trial occurred. But this is the effect of the Criminal Appeal Act 1995 which replaced the previous test of "unsafe or unsatisfactory" by the unitary test of

Before 1995 this would have been dealt with as an unsatisfactory verdict. There was nothing unfair about the trial process but, rather, the benaviour of the Crown was, according to the court, so bad as to require the sanction of quashing the conviction. That approach is now denied to the Court of Appeal. It had to force this case into the mould of "unsafe" when the salety of the conviction was not

The Home Secretary should look again at the 1995 Act. Whether illegality by the Crown can ever justify acquitting a defendant of a most serious crime is itself a matter to be reconsidered.

Yours faithfully, CHARLES G. BLAKE, 46 Linden Gardens, W4 2EHL xdu57@dial.pipex.com February 17.

Seeing red

From Mr D. A. Lycett

Sir. Rose-ringed parakeets may be glamorous to look at and may well "do no harm to anybody" (Weekend, February 20], but I can vouchsafe that they need "keeping an eye on". I have found them very destructive to the chestnut and winter-flowering prunus trees; also the blossom and red berries are nipped from the base of the cotoneaster shrub and let fall.

These used to be a lovely sight at the appropriate time of year but now. with the advent of these birds. I count myself lucky if in spring the chestnut has a quarter (probably less) of what it

used to display.

These invaders should not be viewed through rose-tinted spectacles, no matter how colourful they are.

Yours faithfully. D. A. LYCETT. 9 The Paddocks. Broadstairs, Kent CT10 3AJ. February 23.

Priorities for Nato Low gear urged in drive to euro

From Mr G. T. L. Rose

Sir, As an instinctive pro-European with over 40 years' involvement in voluntary work for the Conservatives. I was delighted to read the article by Mary Ann Sieghart, 'Young, free and anti-single market' (February 26). I find it quite wrong that moderate members of the party such as myself should be labelled as right-wing xenophobes because we cannot support an early entry by the UK into economic and monetary union.

Should sterling be abandoned in favour of the euro, this country will have made an irreversible decision which will surely lead eventually to a federal Europe. This may come to be seen as the right economic answer within the next few years and, per haps, in the longer term, also the right political answer. But the case is far from proven and I can only wish Mary Ann Sieghart, David Owen and their group every success in their campaign at least to delay the

G. TIMOTHY L. ROSE, Ennerdale, Clifton, Ashbourne DE6 2GR. February 27.

From Mr Clive Webster

Sir, As one who trades with most EU countries and many in other continents, I believe that the euro, like the US dollar, should become an excellent vehicle for inter-European and inter-

However, the concerns which were so well identified in your leader. "Five tests for Europe" [February 24; letters, February 25, 26, 27], could be largely overcome if only the European govern-ments concerned had agreed to a longer and more flexible transition. with the curo running in tandem with national currencies.

Business leaders and politicians are becoming increasingly polarised in their views. Yet both sides have valid arguments which would be largely overcome if we were permitted a longer period of transition to prepare our economy for the single currency.

Voters in our referendum, when it comes, should not be presented with a "euro yes or no" question when they may well want to vote "yes" for the

his powerful nation into years of civil wars and social and economic misery,

Sir, I see Mr Paddy Ashdown con-

siders the Government has "crossed

the Rubicon" with the Prime Minis-

ter's National Changeover Plan (re-port, February 24). Would this be the

treacherous and megalomaniac act of Julius Caesar in 49BC, which plunged earning its perpetrator a violent end within five years at the hands of his closest associates? Or does Mr Ashdown mean another Rubicon?

Yours faithfully, RUPERT PEPPER, Trinity College, Cambridge CB2 ITQ. February 24.

ists and the uniqueness and invention

of Matisse and Picasso among others.

· Of course, the wheat needs to be

sorted from the chaff in any age. Sad-

ly, we find today a small handful of

undeserving lightweights and their patrons receiving the bulk of the

publicity. This should not detract

from the many serious artistic develop-

ments in our time which will endure.

modern artists with the same brush.

It is unfair to paint the majority of

Sale of art fakes

From Mr John Pittuck

Sir, While respecting David Gould's original works of art (letter, February 22) I am not sure I can agree with his sweeping reference to much of modern art as "questionable rubbish".

What distinguishes the importance of any work of art, as I see it, lies not in the facility with which its technical style can be copied, but in less obvious and unscientific criteria. If it were otherwise the admired painstakingness of the Pre-Raphaelites would take precedence over the Impression-

Labour and tax

From Mr R. Mallace

Hillside Cottage, 62 Dunmow Road, Bishop's Stortford CM23 5HL. February 22.

Yours sincerely

JOHN PITTUCK.

Sir. In the leaflet enclosed with my 1999-2000 tax coding the Inland Revenue explains that (to use its example) a 60-year-old married man with a total annual income of £5,500, who previously paid no tax, will now have to pay £43 tax because of changes to the married man's allow-

This from a Government whose venality would make many dictators gasp in envy.

Yours sincerely, R. MALLACE. 3 Hinton House Farm Cottages. Byfield, Daventry, Northamptonshire NNII 3QT. mallace@mcmail.com February 23.

Nuclear power From Sir Crispin Tickell

Sir. Sir James Hann (letter, February 10) is quite right to call for an "authoritative, independent study" on the future civil uses of nuclear energy.

The Royal Institute of International Affairs has already identified this need, and I act as chairman of a steering group to set up just such a study within the institute's energy and environment programme. We propose to run a series of workshops focusing on the more controversial topics, including waste disposal,

safety, proliferation, economic viability and competition with other forms of energy. It would bring participants from a wide range of backgrounds together in a neutral forum. The aim of these workshops is not to reach agreement between the dif-

ferent points of view, probably an impossible task, but to achieve a better understanding of the possibilities, in the hope that such information would help governments and the public worldwide to understand the issues and so help the decision-making DEDCESS

We look forward to support, both financial and moral, from Sir James and others who want an impartial scrutiny of the vital issues involved.

Yours faithfully. CRISPIN TICKELL, The Royal Institute of International Affairs. 10 St James's Square, SWIY 4LE. Biographers' place

From Mr. F. G. R. Fisher Sir. Where do biographers perch?

This problem has exercised me for a number of years. It cropped up again today when I read in John Lowe's biography of John Sparrow (Harper-Collins, 1998): "When John came to Winchester..." Other biographers speak of their subjects "coming to Oxford" and, a chapter or two later,

coming to Liverpool". Do biographers actually seek lodging in these places before they pen the

relevant paragraphs? Yours faithfully, ROBSON FISHER. Craig Cottage, Lower Street, Dittisham, Nr Dartmouth, Devon TQ6 0HY.

February 22. From Sir Michael Moore,

Director General of the Institution of Mechanical Engineers Sir. What a good letter from Professor lan Fells (February 10), advocating the virtue of nuclear power.

This institution was commissioned in June 1998 by the Engineering Council to produce views for the engineering profession and Government on energy for the 21st century Nuclear energy is very much part of that equation.

However, we also need a balanced portfolio of primary fuels which recognises the UK's indigenous resources, coupled with the best available technologies, whether coal, gas, oil, nuclear or renewable energy.

How this can best be achieved in a market economy, which needs lowestcost energy, has to be addressed by the politicians taking account of technical, economic and commercial advice.

We await action.

February 10.

Yours faithfully, MICHAEL MOORE, Director General, Institution of Mechanical Engineers, l Birdcage Walk, SWIH 9.U. m_moore@imeche.org.uk

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End of 'subsidy' for classical music

From the Chief Executive of the Performing Right Society

Sir, The protest by Dr Donald Mitchell and five composers over our decision to cease subsidising live performances of classical music (lener, Febru-

ary 23) needs to be seen in context.

A report by the Monopolies and Mergers Commission in 1996 charged the Performing Right Society with making its distributions fairer, more accurate and more transparent. This has been achieved through an extensive two-year market research project which produced a statistically valid model for collecting performance information and for apportioning royal-

ties more accurately than ever before. We have therefore decided to remove all "hidden" special compensatory payments via royalty distributions, without value judgments which single out any particular genres of music. The phasing out of the classical music subsidy in its current form is in the same spirit of greater accuracy, fair-ness and transparency, Membership consultation has shown no majority

support for a classical music subsidy. The vast majority of our present subsidy to classical music is paid to music publishers and the estates of deceased composers, most of whom are not British. Far from the effect of its withdrawal being "devastating", only il per cent of it is paid to living

British composers. Although such subsidy will cease by 2002, we shall certainly continue supporting classical music, but in a more focused and transparent way.

Yours faithfully JOHN HUTCHINSON, Chief Executive. Performing Right Society. 29-33 Berners Street, WIP 4AA. February 22.

From Mr Trevor Glover and others

Sir, The implications of the unilateral decision by the PRS will affect contemporary classical music in this country for years to come. Such music involves major investment by publishers, especially in the preparation of performance materials for large or-chestral forces, and there is usually a long period before a new classical work gains public recognition. These costs, often unrecouped for decades, are funded by the publishers' share of these very revenues, which this deci-

sion has cut almost in half. This comes as the final straw, following a series of changes to PRS distribution methods in the last decade which have all had an adverse effect on classical earnings in the UK. For example, a typical performance of a 20-minute work in the Queen Elizabeth Hall which earned around £275 in 1994 currently earns £180; after removal of the subsidy, this sum will fall to around £90, shared be-

tween composer and publisher. These are desperate days indeed for publishers, composers and their estates in Britain, and the PRS decision will be viewed with incredulity in the international world of music, which still regards the fundamental contribution of the UK publishing community to be a benchmark for the creation, encouragement and promotion of contemporary classical music. We urge the PRS board to suspend abolition of the subsidy.

Yours faithfully, TREVOR GLOVER, Managing Director, Boosey & Hawkes, CHRIS BUTLER, Director, Novello & Co. SALLY GROVES, Head, Contemporary Music, Schott Ltd. MARTIN KINGSBURY. Director, Faber Music. BEN NEWING, Head, Business Affairs, Universal Edition, JAMES RUSHTON, Director, Chester Music 295 Regent Street, WIR 8JH.

Brit-spotting

From Lady Bowman

Sir. Mr M. D. Jervis asks if British women are as recognisable abroad as their male counterparts (letter, February 26; see also letters, January 29. February 6, 13, 18 and 20).

I can only report that, emerging from the sea at a trendy French beach having swum round from an adjoining cove, I was immediately addressed in English.

But could it have been because ! was wearing a one-piece bathingdress with a skirt?

Yours faithfully, CHRISTIAN BOWMAN, The Walled Garden, Chamberlain Street Wells. Somerset BA5 2PE. February 26.

From Mrs Camle Howman

Sir. Whilst holidaying in Paxos, I went for an early morning swim in the bay. Anchored about a quarter of a mile away was a magnificent yacht, which I swam towards and around.

When I had completed the circuit a guttural voice called out "Go away English woman!" Being from Yorkshire I proceeded to swim round three

Yours sincerely, CAROLE HOWMAN. Hillbrow, Church Green, Great Wymondley, Hitchin, Hertfordshire SG4 7ES. February 26.



Forthcoming

marriages

Mrs Parrick King, of Spalding Lincolnshire, and Claudine, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Michael

Spong, of Loughton, Essex.

Mr W.J. Muschialli
and Miss L.R.M. Newton
The engagement is announced
between Warren, son of Mr J.W.

Muschialli and Mrs J. Schroeter. of Melbourne. Australia. and

Lucinda, daughter of Mr and Mrs Christopher Newton, of Manor Park, Ripe, East Sussex.

Mr CJ. Rotheroe and Miss LN. Cannon Brookes

The engagement is announced between Charles, elder son of Mr

and Mrs Peter Rotheroe, of Wind-sor Great Park, Berkshire, and Lucinda, daughter of Mr and Mrs Mark Camon Brookes, of Kensing-

and Miss L.K.N. Durdin-Robertson

and Miss L.K., Durdin-Robertson
The engagement is announced
between Hugh, younger son of
Major and Mrs John Shirley, of
Ormly Hall, Ramsey, Isle of Man,
and Lucy: youngest daughter of
the late Rey and Mrs Lawrence
Durdin-Robertson, of Hummington
Castle, Co Werdord,

The engagement is announced between lain, elder son of Mr. and Mrs John Weatherby, of Gerrards Cross, Buckinghamshire, and Emily, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Thomas Pomeroy, of Osming-

Mr M.A. du Ry van Beest Holle and Miss I.A. de Gier

Charles du Ry van Beest Holle, of Cape Town, and Miss Imke Anne de Caer, daughter of Mr and Mrs Hans de Gier, of Ham Manor.

The marriage took place on February 27, 1999, at All Saints Church Ham, Wiltshire, between Mr Mare Antoine du Ry van Beest Holle, son of Professor and Mrs

and Miss H.E. Pomeroy

Marriage

Mr H.S. Shirley

Mr P.R. Barton and Miss A.J. Bowen

Bournemouth, Dorser Mr A.C. Couns-Britton

and Miss A.M. Hughes

Mr K.N.E. Cox

The engagement is announced between Philip, son of Colonel and Mrs G.H. Barton, of Whation. Notinghamshire, and Amanda, daughter of Mrs J.R. Cobain, of

and Miss A.M. Hughes
The engagement is announced between Alasdair Calum, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Anthony Cours-Britton, of Supreme Head-quarters Allied Powers Europe, Mons, Belgium, and Alison Michelle, only daughter of Mr and Mrs John Hughes, of Ellesmere. Shomshire.

and Miss J.M. Bradish-Ellames

The engagement is announced between Kenneth, elder son of Mr

and Mrs Peter Cox, of Glendoick, Perthshire, and Jane, only daugh-ter of Lieutenant Colonel and Mrs Simon Bradish-Ellames, of North

The engagement is announced between James Andrew, younger son of Mr and Mrs Keith Harding.

of Broadstairs, Kent, and Laura Beatrice Elizabeth, daughter of Mr and Mrs William Shelford, of

younger son of Mr and Mrs Gerald Pincott, of Heathfield, East

Sussex, and Lucinda Jane, young-er daughter of Major-General and Mrs John Friedberger, of Whit-

The engagement is amounced between George, younger son of Mr T.J.B. Roberts, of Wootton Fizzpaine, Dorset, and Mrs P.M.G.

Roberts, of Formby, Merseyside, and Rebects, daughter of Mr L.R. Mason, of Hammersmith, Lon-don, and Mrs J.B. Finlay, of The Ross, Kirkcudbrightshire.

Warnborough, Hampshire.

Mr J.A. Harding and Miss L.B.E. Shelford

Chailey, East Sussex.

and Miss L.J. Friedberger The engagement is announced between Andrew Pietro Fitch,

Mr A.P.F. Pincett

church, Hampshire.

and Miss R.S. Mason

Mr G.W. Roberts

SOCIAL NEWS

Today's royal engagements

The Queen will hold a reception at Buckingham Palace at 6 for the winners of The Queen's Award for Export, "echnology and Environmental Achievement. The Prince of Wales will launch the Welsh Beef Promotion Campaign at the Ceftic Manor Hotel Golf and Country Club, Newport, South Wales, at 11.45 The Princess Royal will visit Bath

University Sports Training VII-lage, Buth, Somerset, at 2.30. Princess Alexandra will attend a reception at the Victoria and Albert Museum London, SW7, 7.15.

Baroness O'Neill of Bengarve

The life barony conferred upon Miss Onora Sylvia O'Neill has been gazened by the name, style and title of Baroness O'Neill of Bengarve, of The Braid in the County c.; Antrim.

Devon Lieutenancy The Earl of Iddesleigh has been appointed Vice Lord-Lieutenant of Devon, Greater Manchester

Lientenaacy Mr L Duncan Lawton has been appointed Vice Lord-Lieutenant of Greater Manchester.

Sir William Mars Jones A service of thanksgiving for the life and work of Sir William Mars-Jones will be held in Gray's Inn Chapel at 5pm today.

Gerald Corcoran A requiem mass will be said for the repose of the soul of Gerald Stuart Corcoran at 10.30am on Wednes-day, April 14, at the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Farm Street, London, WI.

Reception

English-Speaking Union
A reception to honour the work of
Professor and Mrs H.R. Duhme was held on Saturday at Dart-mouth House. Mr William Glover was the host at the reunion of the recipients of the English-Speaking Union Bell Tower Scholarship. Birthdays today

Lady Rose Windsor is 19 today. Other birthdays include: Mr Harry Belafonte, singer and actor, 72: Mr David Broome, show actor, 72: Mr David Broome, show jumper. 59; Mr Douglas Bunn, founder. All England Jumping Course, Hickstead, 71; Sir Robert Calderwood, former chief executive, Strathclyde Regional Council, 67; Miss Florence Calvert, former Principal, St Mary's College, Durham, 87; Mr Leslie Christie, trade unionist. 60: Mr David Comins. nain, 67; Mr David Comins, Rector, Glasgow Academy, 51; Mr Roger Daltrey, actor and rock singer, 55; Mr Andrew Faulds, former MP and actor, 76; Sir Allan Green, QC, former Director of Public Prosecutions, 64; Air Chief Marshal Sir Lewis Hodges, 81; Sir Michael Kerr, former Lord Justice of Appeal, 78: Commodore Timo-thy Laurence, 44; Professor James Lister, paediatric surgeon, 76, Mr John Napier, stage designer, 55, Commandant Dame Nancy Rob-ertson, former director, WRNS, 90; Major-General P.T. Tower, 82: Sir Gerald Whent, former non-execu-tive chairman, Vodafone, 72.

Service dinners 33rd (Lancashire and Cheshire) Signal Regiment (V)

Major-General LOJ, Sprackling, Master of Signals, attended a dinner of the 33rd (Lancashire and cheshire) Signal Regiment (Volun-teers) held on Saturday in Liver-pool which marked the retirement of Brigadier LR.D. Shapter as Honorary Colonel of the Regi-ment. Lieutenant-Colonel R.J. Steed presided, Professor P. Toyne, Vice-Chancellor of Liverpool John Morent University was installed Moore's University, was installed as the new Honorary Colonel.

Guif War Jaguar Pilots

Association
Group Captain G.W. Proton presided at a Gulf War memorial dinner of the Gulf War Jaguar Pilots Association held on Saunday at the Bosworth Hall Hotel, Market Bosworth. Squadron Leader David Waddington was the guest

Korean Veterans

The address for those wishing information about the British Korean Veterans Association reunion is 38 Spring Street, London W2 IJA.

The night sky in March

By MICHAEL J. HENORIE ASTRONOMY

MERCURY should be visible in the west after sunset, the -0.5 magnitude inner planet setting nearly two hours after the Sun on the 3rd when it will be at greatest eastern elongation (18 degrees). It will fade quickly as it closes with the Sun to pass between the Earth and Sun at interior conjunction on the 19th. Then a morning object until late May, it will remain too close to the Sun for

observation.

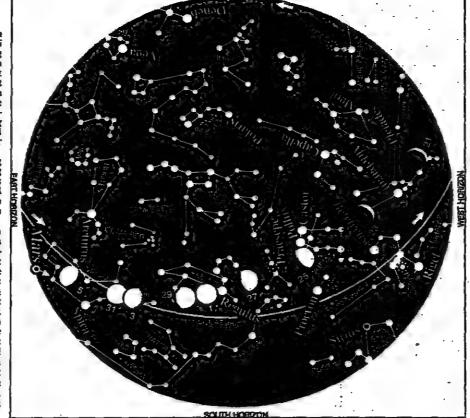
Venus is a brilliant evening star of -3.9 magnitude, not setting until 22h in late March. This evening apparition lasts until early August. Crescent Moorn to the south on the 19th. Saturn to the south on the 20th.

Mars is in Libra rising by 2th in late March. During the month it brightens from 0 to -1 magni-tude. Its eastward or direct motion through Libra will be halted on the 18th when it reaches a stationary point and it will then a stationary point and it will taken begin to move westwards against the stars (retrograde motion) as it approaches opposition on 24th April. The Moon will be to the north on the 6th-7th. Jupiter is around -2.0 magnitude and moves from Pisces into Cetus in March. It will be low in the west on the ist and become lost in on the 1st and become lost in evening twilight by mid-month as it approaches conjunction with the Sun on 1st April.

Saturn is 0.7 magnitude and moves from Pisces to Cetus in late March, setting only 2 hours after the Sun by the 31st, Moon near by on the 19th. Uranus is in Capricornus rising about 04h by the 31st. Moon to the north on the 14th. Neptune is also in Capricornus rising about 40 minutes before Uranus. Moon to the north on the 13th-14th. Both planets require optical aid, Uranus being 5,7 and Nepture 7.9 magnitude.
The Moon: Full Moon 2d 07h,

Last quarter 10d 09h, New Moon 17d 19h, First quarter 24d 10h and Full Moon 31d 23h. There are two full Moons (not five as was stated inadvertently last month) this March as there were in January. The bright star Regulus in Leo will be near the Moon on the Int and again on the 28th. The waxing crescent Moon will be near Aldebaran un that 22nd.

The Spring Equinor, when the Sun crosses the equator from south to north, occurs at 21d 02h. Early March presents an op-portunity to see all the naked eye planets before midnight. Nearest the western horizon will be Mercury, always seen in twilight from our latitude. Jupiter is brighter than Mercury and a little higher in the sky. Both



The diagram shows the brighter stars that will be above the horizon in the latitude of London at 23h Upm at the beginning, 22h (10pm) in the middle, and 21h (9pm) at the end of the month, local mean time. At places away from the Greenwich meridian, the Greenwich times at which the diagram applies are later than the above by one hour for each 15 deg west of

Greenwich and earlier by a like amount if the place be east. The map should be turned so that the horizon the observer is facing (shown by the words around the circle) is at the bottom, the senith being at the centre. Greenwich Mean Time, known to astronomers as Universal Time and expressed in 24-kour notation, is used in the mpanying notes unless otherwise stated

but hard to see after the 10th. Above Jupiter and unmistakably bright is Venus and above Venus will be Saturn. Venus will over-take Saturn on the 20th (minimum separation about 3 degrees) and Saturn will then lie below

Venus, in turn to move into twilight in early April.

The remaining naked eye planet. Mars, can be found in the eastern sky but not until after 23h (lipm) when it rises to the south of east. Mars is in Libra, a constellation without bright stars, but it should be readily identifiable by its reddish hus and brightness. and brightness.

Given good weather the naked eye observer has a chance of seeing Mercury during periods lasting about ten days that occur only three or four times each year. Mercury will be seen only near the easiern (morning) or western (evening) horizons in twilight and will never be high in the sky during darkness. The sky morning) fix it in relation to a tree near the horizon needs to be very

or other ground object.

Venus is so bright that finding it is no problem. Like Mercury it is never in the south late at night, though it can set only shortly before midnight, as in May this year. In a good year like 1999 it. clear and free from obstructions Opportunities to see Mercury this year occur in the evening, again in June-July (when the sky will be very bright) and in the morning in December. It is unlikely that any stars will be seen near it became of the bright. appears on the charts (April-June) as an evening object.

Because Mars's orbit is not seen near it because of the bright sky so naming the constellation it is in is usually of little help. One can only advise a search near the horizon after sunset or before

much larger than the Earth's it takes a long time for the Earth to overtake it. The effect is for Mars to be visible for more than a year and then be missing from the night sky for much of the next year. This year it is at opposition independ to the part is at opposition. (closest to the Sun) in April after which it will remain in the evening sky into 2000.

Jupiter and Saturn move in much larger orbits. Jupiter is brighter than any star and easily found but Saturn can be mista

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Caroline of Ansbach, consort of King George II, Ansbach, 1683; Sir Samuel Romilly, lawyer, London, 1747; Prederic Chopin, composer, Zeiazowa. Wola, Poland, 1810; Augustus Pupin, architect of the Gothic revival, London, 1812; Lytton Strachey, writer, London, 1880; Roger Marwhiter, Lordon, 1880; Roger Mar-tin du Gard, novelist, Nobel laureare 1937, Neuilly-sur-Seine, 1881; Oskar Kokoscha, painter, Pochlarn, Austria, 1886; Glenn Miller, hand leader, Clarinda, Jowa, 1904; David Niven, actor, London, 1910; Röbert Lowell, poet; Boston, Massachusetts, 1917.

DEATHS: Thomas Campion, musician and poet, London, 1620; poet, Salisbury, 1633; Edward Moore, writer, London, 1575; George Grossmith, co-author of The Diary of a Nobody, London, 1912; Gabriele D'Annunzio, poet, dramatist and nationalist, Cardone Riviera, Italy, 1938; Jackie Coogan, actor, 1984. Today is the Festival of St David, the patron saint of Wales.

The 20-month-old son of the American avistor Charles Lindbergh was kidnapped from his DUSTY, 1932 Americans tested a hydrogen bomb at Bikini Atoll, 1954. Archbishop Makarios ended his exile and returned to Cyprus, 1959. The Soviet unmanned spacecraft

Venus 3 landed on Venus, 1966. Leap-year anniversaries BIRTHS: Am Lee, founder of the American sect of Shakers, Man-chester, 1736; Gioachino Rossinal) composer, Pesaro, Italy, 1792; John Philip Holland, submarine pioneer, Liscannor, Co Clare, 1840. DEATHS: John Whitgift, Archbishop of Canterbury 1583-1604, London, 1604; Edward Frederic Benson, novelist, London, 1940. The St Gotthard Tunnel was completed, linking Switzerland and Italy, 1880.

Durch scientists produced solid helium, 1908. Pakistan became an Islamic republic, 1956. Hugh Heffner opened the first Playboy Club in Chicago, 1960.

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Nature notes

THE first coots are building their reedy nests at the edges of lakes. They stand tall on them and look out for rivals. When the males light they are very fierce, sometimes forcing their enemy's head under water and drowning him. Their relatives,

the moorhens, have also started sparring vigorously. Starlings are singing around their nest holes in trees and gutters: among the babbling notes of their song, a stands out. Skylarks are singing steadily over the fields and moors: they stay above the patch of corn or heather in which they will nest, and swoop down to chase other skylarks out of it. In the

woods, the gruff cooing of the

stock doves can be heard.

They are a bluer grey than the



The skytark

wood pigeons, and have a green, not a white, neck patch, but they are shyer than wood On sallow trees, silver cat-

kins are opening, coated with bright yellow pollen. On horse-chestaut trees the sticky buds are getting very fat. Bright green leaves are sprouting on the wild rose bushes, where the remains of last year's hips hang like small black prunes. DJM

Dinner

10 King's Beach Walk A dinner in honour of Mr. Winston Roddick, QC, on his Wales, was given by his cham-bers. 10 King's Bench Walk, Temple, at the Mermaid Event & Conference Centre, on Saturday, February 27, 1999. The mast was proposed by Mr Ronald Thwaites, QC, Head of Chamhers, and Mr Roddick responded.
A painting was presented to Mr
Roddick by Mr Georges Khayat,
QC, Deputy Head of Chambers, on behalf of chambers. Mrs Roddick and Duniel and Helen Roddick were also present.

Among the guests were: Previous heads of chambers, His Honour Bernard Lewis and Mrs Honour Bernard Lewis and Mrs
Lewis, His Honour Henry Palmer
and Mrs Palmer, and Judge
Kenneth Zucker. QC, and Mrs
Zucker: Lord Hoeson, QC, and
Lady Hosson, Sir Makiwyn and
Lady Thomas, Judge Prosser,
QC, and Mrs Prosser, Judge
Monro-Davies, QC, Mr Geraki
Moriany, QC, and Mrs Moriany,
Mr Michael Berestond-West, QC,
Mr Joseph Harper, QC, Mr
Michael Douglas, QC, and Mr
and Mrs John Evans.

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sumrise. As it gets darker it will become more noticeable but it

will also get lower and become

fainter, so it may not be seen for more than 20 minutes or so, the

reverse is true in the morning.

Binoculars can help one to find it after which it often can be seen

quite easily without them. Hav-ing found it the first evening for

There will be a Reunion this year for all Old Epsomians who entered the College between 1950 and 1962 on Saturday, May I, starting with tours of the school at 2,00mm and ending with a buffet supper at 6.45pm. There has already been a good response. Anyone requiring details should write to the Headmaster. The correct date for Founder's Day this year is Saturday. May 29.

The next Old Epsomian dinner will be held on Saturday, October 23, 1999, at Epsom College.

Sherborne School for Girls The Prince of Wales has accepted

Celebrations at Sherborne School for Girls on Thursday, April 29, 1999. Old Girls are invited to attend whether or not they are members of the Old Girls Union. Details can be found in the latest Journal and will be put on the Web site (www.sherborne.com). Those who intend to take part should inform the Secretary, Sherborne School for Girls by March 15. They will then be sent tickets, information and the day's programme.

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In fact, everyone who wants to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted. 2 Timothy 3.12 (NIV).

BIRTHS

aGNEW - On February 25th 1999 to James and Sarah (nee Newman) a daughter,

8iGGART - On 19th Febru 1999, to Elizabeth (née Webber) and James, a daughter, Iona Claire Molly.

BREWER - On February 25th to Sara (neé Godfrey) and Mark, a son, William Angus Godfrey, a brother for George and Archie,

FLOWER - On February 1st 1993 at the John Raddillie Hospital, Oxford, to Harriett (noe Sinciair) and David, a son, Edward George Hugo, a brother for Alica.

JERRUNGS - On 22nd February to Emma (née Burch) and Robin, a daughter, Rachel Katherine.

SHELDON - On Pebruary 18th 1999 to Amrits and Tim, a sou, Michael Gervass Amrit, a brother

DEATHS

BECKER - Rolf. On 24th February after a chort illness. Agod 57 years. Guys Hospital Deutal School 1960-1963. Memorial Service at 3.00 pm on Saturday 20th March at St Mary's Church, Burstall, Sulfolk.

BOTTOBEY - Feliciné
Elizabeth (née Lacy) an
February 25th, pescafully
at home. Beloved wife of
the late Donald Bottomley,
dearly loved and loving
Mother of Iane and Prue
and devoted Grandmother
of Iames, Andree, Daryi
and Alexander, Funeral
service to be held at
Putney Vale Crematorium
on Friday March 5th at
3pm.

CHARGEL - Elizabeth
Vivien pescefully at home
on February 21st, Pumeral
Service at Eastbourne
Crematorium (Elide
Hollow, Langney,
Eastbourne) on Thursday
March 4th at 12 moon.
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Mary. Peacefully at home
on 25th February 1999
aged 73. Surrounded by
her beloved husband John
and her devected children,
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Jans, Hugh, Vincent,
Tessa, Kate, Giles and
Lizzy and in the prayers of
her ester Pegs, her three
soms-in-isw, six
daughter-in-law and
thirty two grandchildren.
Requiem Mass at St
Osmunds, Barnes on 3th
March 1999 at 11 am.
Private burial in
Ampleforth, Family
flowers only. Donations, if
desired, to Handitapped
Childrens Pilgrinnage
Trust, 190A High Street,
Bansband, Surrey SM7
2RB.

CORRE - Marjory Hilds of Chesm, peacefully on 24th February aged 87 years, leaves husband Gibert and daughters Linds and Hilary, who will sadly miss her. Funcal on Wednesday 2rd March at 3 pm Randails Park Crematorium, Lestherhead

6000 - Richard George Good OBP, aged 94 years, pescafully in Aldhourne Nursing Home on February 28th, Much loved father of Tony, Dudley, David, Faul, Carols and Roger, Funeral service at 5t Michael's Church, Bray On-Thames on Monday March 8th at 12 noon. St Michael's Church, Bray-Oo-Thamse on Monday March 8th at 12 noom. Family flowers only, donations if desired to the National Delrymens' Benevolent Institution. All forther information from Camp Hopson Funeral Directors, Newbury, Berks, tel 01635 522210. A memorial service will be held at St Lawrence Church, Hungerford on Friday April 16th at 11.30 am.

GOOOMM - David Captain R.N., of Weedgreen.
Fordingbridge, peacefully in his sieep at sea in the West Indies on February 25th. Much loved husband of the late Aline and father of Michael and Peter.
Thankagiving at St Bonizee Woodgreen to be arranged Family Rowers, donations to the Samaritans and enquiries c/o John Shering F.D. 24 Sameritans and enquiries c/o John Shering F.D. 34 Provost Street, Fordingbridge, SP6 1AY.

JONES - Donald Keith died

CMES - Douald Keith died pascefully on February 25th aged 63. Dearly loved husband of Barbara and devoted father of Amanda. Funeral Service et St Mary and St Nicholas Pariah Church, Leatherbead on Friday March 5th at 11.45sm, followed by private cremation. Family flowers only. Donations it dearred to The British Heart Foundation c/o Stoneum Funeral Service, Doran Court, Reignte Road, Redhill.

KOCHANSKI - On February
25th, pescefully in the
Notifield Hospital
Tunbridge Wells
Stanislaw Leon
Kochanski. Service at St
Augustine's Church,
Tunbridge Wells, Tuesday
March 2nd at 10.30 am,
followed by interment in
Southborough Cemetery.
Flowers to Wellson Jones
Funeral Directors, 156
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KONSTAM - Dr Halen Lorns, née Dunn, beloved wife of Dr Geoffrey LS Konstam deceased and mother of Gervin, Nigol and Gemma, on February 25th aged 97. Funeral service at Golders Gross Crousstorium Monday, March 8th at 2,45pm. Flowers to Kenyon's, 33 Westbourpe Grove, W2.

LEE - Irene Norah (née Greez). On Thursday 25th February died peacefully in her sleep at Calcaroft Nursing Flome. Widow of Alfred Robert Lee, dearly loved mother of Rosemary and Januifer and much loved Grandmother and Greet-Grandmother and Greet-Grandmother. Puneral service at Woking Crematorium on Friday 5th March at 2.30 pm. Family flowers only.

IN MEMORIAM -PRIVATE THOMAS – Dr. William (Bill) always remembered. So loved and missed by us all Mary.

MORGAM - On January 19th
1999 in an accident at
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Sidmouth, Meliase A. L.I.
Morgan B.A., Solicitor,
dearest sweetest drughter
of Evelyn A. L.I., Morgan,
and of Christine Bathurst,
devoted and affectionate
sister of Calia, and twin of
the late James. Memorial
service at Pirbright Village
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March, Jum Family
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Missing Persons Helpline,
284-6 Upper Richmond
Road West, SW14 7JE. OVERTON - Claire-Marie
(née Binet), peacefully en
25th February 1999. In
Switzerland after a long
ilinees, survoinded by
family. Funeral to take
place in Switzerland on 1st
March. Donastions in lieu
of flowers to Trinity
Hospics, London SW4.
Correspondence 4/0 Mrs J
Mann, 23 Richmend Ave,
London N1.

ROGERS - George Theodore on 24th February aged 79. Funeral Service at St Dunstam Church, Cheam, Surrey on Monday 8th March at 12 noon, all friends are warmly invited. No flowers piezes, retiring collection for the Bishop's Lent appeal. All enquiries to Trusiove & Son Ltd., Cheam, tel: 0181-642 3300.

SHERLEY - David Andrew late of Litmore Shaw, lectons peacefully in his along on Thursday February 25th. Belowed husband of Catherine and a much leved step father and step grand father. Pumeral service to be held on Friday 5th March at All Seints Pariah Church, Flore, Northants at 12 noon. Memorial service at Lincoln's Lun to be announced later.

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SPICER - (née Gilroy) Sarah age 58. Died 25th February after a hunting accident. Adored wife of Julian, much loved mother of Charles and Alexandra, loving mother-in-law to Victoria and Humphrey and deveted grandprotter to Lily. Funeral at 2.30pm on Friday 5th March at St Mary's Church, Pakenham, Bury St. Edmunds, Bury St. Edmunds, Suffolk. Enquiries to L. Felcher, Funeral Directors on 01234 754 049.

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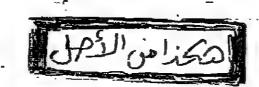
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LADY PANSY LAMB

Lady Pansy Lamb, writer. died on February 19 aged 94. She was born on

aughter of an earl. bohemian, blue stocking and devoted fan the Pope, Lady Pansy Lamb surprised every body but herself. Painted almost continuously by her Bloomsbury husband. Henry Lamb, she beretained the unselfconscious, anismine charm of her youth into her nineties. Her sister-in-law, Christine, the Countess of Longford, described her, seventy years before, as "a blonde angel, her eyes lakes of blue, and her 'tints' - as the Victorians would have called them - like wild

But ideas were always more important to Pansy than appearances. Perhaps this made her the perfect subject for Henry Lamb, 20 years her senior and already once married to a famous Bloomsbury model and free been Lady Otteline Morrell's lover and Carrington's intimate, and in later years he entertained his nieces with stories of being chased round the rockery by Lytton Strachey, whose lust was constrained by his trousers falling round his knees.

Lady Pansy's feelings about her husband's Bloomsbury friends remain obscure, though she recently criticised their manners as "rather gauche". Nevertheless, at her 90th birthday party she fell into animated conversation with Frances

England, by then, was only a holiday destination to her, for at the age of 75 her allegiance to Pope John Paul II prompted her to a new life in Rome, where she lived until her death.

Lady Margaret Pansy Felicia Lamb was the second child and eldest daughter of the Earl and Countess of Longford, (The family were ennobled by "that brute Cromwell", as John Benjamin put it.) Her younger brother. Frank Longford, inherited the earldom when his brother Edward died without an heir in 1961. Her younger sisters are the writers Lady Mary Clive, who published a memoir of her growing up. Brought Up and Brought Out. and Lady Violet Powell, who married the novelist Anthony Powell and also published a family memoir, Five Out of Six. The fourth sister, Lady Julia, was the mother of the Editor of The Times Literary

Supplement, Ferdinand Mount.

Colin Purbrook. jazz planist and double

bass player, died in

London on February 5.

aged 62. He was born in

Seaford, Sussex on

February 26, 1936.

ANY American jazz musician visiting Britain who wanted a

sympathetic and knowledgeable

accompanist needed to look no

further than Colin Purbrook.

The list of world-famous mus-

icians he played for during the 1960s and 1970s is remarkable

and included Benny Carter. Devter Gordon and Eddie Lock-

On the London stage he spent some months in 1987 at the

Donmar accompanying the Memphis-born singer Dee Dee

Bridgewater in her title role as

"Lady Day", and not long before

that he had directed the British

hand that took over from the

original American musicians in

the London production of One

battle in his long war against cancer, he proved that his talents

were undimmed when he ar-

peared at the Brecon Festival and on Radio 3 with the all-star

hand Tenor Gladness, with the

American saxophonists Scott Hamilton, Ken Peplowski and

Harry Allen, and the veteran

Although Purbrook was happy in almost all styles of

swing drummer Jake Hanna.

Last year, having won one



Henry Lamb's last portrait of his wife, Lady Pansy, dating from 1947

children became fatherless when the Earl of Longford was killed leading a charge at Gallipoli, pipe in mouth. His last words were: "I wish you would stop ducking Fred. The men don't like it and it doesn't do any good." Family life continued as before. divided between England. Aston Hall in Oxfordshire, London and Ireland, where the family home boasted 130 rooms and extensive castellations and turrets, plus water garden, Chinese gardens and long walls of hothouses. Throughout her life Lady Pansy paid it an annual visit.

School was not comme il faut for the older two girls, and Pansy's famously encyclopaedic

memory. Her thirst for knowledge was certainly not satisfied by the world of London debutantes, where an earl's daughter was expected to find a husband in the Twenties, so the rebellious Pansy took a job in the office of the architect George Kennedy. through whom she met Henry Lamb. At that time she was sharing a flat with Evelyn Gardener, whom she introduced to Evelyn Waugh, which resulted in the disastrous union of she-Evelyn and he-Evelyn. While waiting in the countryside for their respective marriages to be arranged (Lamb needed a divorce first), Evelyn Waugh wrote Decline and Fall and Pansy

tually published bearing a cover drawing by Waugh.

The Lambs set up home at Coombe Bissett in Wittshire in

1928 and as Anthony Powell said. 'Henry threw himself into family life with the same sort of energy and enthusiasm he brought to everything he did." Soon they had three children. and because money was short (earls' daughters being on their own in that respect). Pansy continued her self-education by daily trips to Beaches secondhand bookshop just outside the Close in Salisbury, where she stood reading for hours. She had introduced her husband to a new circle of friends, including Lord

John Betjamen, who began a poem, "Oh the calm of Coombe Bissett is tranquil and deep . . .

During the war Lamb was an official war artist and Pansy discovered one of several important heroes in her life, Charles de Gaulle. Two other heroic Charleses. Charles I and the French Roman Catholic poet Charles Péguy, inspired her to write books. Her translation of Peguy's The Holy Innocence and other Poems was published in 1956 and suggests that her later conversion to Catholicism was not the sudden decision that

many supposed. In 1960 Henry Lamb died, and Pansy moved in rather reduced circumstances to Notting Hill Gate in London, where she took in exotic, mostly Romanian lodgers, helped at a home for the blind and, in a team of academ-ics under Humphrey House, worked at her most scholarly occupation, working on the letters of Dickens — another Charles — for the great Pilgrim Edition.

However, in 1981, aged 75, with her eyesight already failing. she announced that she was going to live in Rome so as to be near to Pope John Paul II, whose real name was Karol (Charles) Wojtyla. Shortly after arriving there, she was received into the Catholic Church, and she soon knew more about the Vatican's treasures than many lifelong

Her flat, in the old quarter of Rome, was always ringing to the strains of Vatican Radio (in English, because she never mastered Italian - although she learnt Ancient Greek in her late seventies). The walls were cov-ered with Henry Lambs, the shelves filled with signed Evelyn Waughs and the air was thick with smoke from the cigarettes she never abandoned.

Despite semi-blindness, she walked everywhere, an indomitable upright figure, proud to avoid death by Roman traffic. Several times a week she took up position under the portico of St Peter's as one of the official guides for English s, king visitors. Three years a,) she enjoyed a private audience with the Pope, for which she swapped her usual red and brown peaked cap for a black lace mantilla, showing the depth of her feeling for the man whose "spiritual energy" she so admired. Her companion on that occasion noted that she reverenced the Pope like a humble courtier reverencing Louis XIV - as well as thoroughly enjoying the Vatican gossip".

The Longfords were soldiers knowledge arose from a passion began the first of two novels. The David Cecil, Cecil Beaton, L. P. Lady Pansy Lamb is surviand sailors, and in 1915 the six for books and a phenomenal Old Expedient, which was even-Hartley, Kenneth Clark and by two daughters and a son. Lady Pansy Lamb is survived

CLIVE BUTLER

Clive Butler, consulting surgeon to the London Hospital. 1937-69, died on January 25 aged 94. He was born on April 8, 1904.

NO PASSENGER on the maiden voyage of the Queen Mary in 1936 could have guessed that the handsome young ship's surgeon. Clive Butler, would soon be world-famous for his work with the first antibiotics. He was to serve more than 30 years as a surgeon at the London Hospital. sought after especially in cases of infection. Edward Clive Barber Butler's parents had both trained at the London (his father as a doctor, his mother as a nurse) and both had helped to care for "the Elephant Man" after his rescue by Sir Frederick Treves. Clive was head boy at Shrewsbury before entering the London Hospital Medical College in 1923. There he met Howard Florey, a young Australian

Nobel Prize for his work on penicillin. Butler qualified in 1928 and was trained in surgery by the legendary Russell How-ard. In his seven months on the Queen Mary he crossed the Atlantic 30 times. making many friends, including Clifford Naunton Morgan, the colorectal surgeon,

and Nancy Harrison, the vivacious American beauty who became his wife. Out of the blue a vacancy arose at the London Hospital when a surgeon pricked his finger during an operation, developed a rapidly spreading infection and died, in spite of amputation first of the finger, and then of his arm, a grim but typical example of infection in the days before antibiotics. Butler was called in to take

charge of the "septic block". In those crowded wards the worst cases were those of osteomyelitis — infection of the bone — which was then treated by releasing the pus from the marrow cavity by cutting a deep gutter along the length of the infected bone and encasing the whole limb in plaster. This, regardless of stench or maggots, was not changed for weeks, in the hope of avoiding the septicaemia which killed 25 per cent of adults and 80 per cent of children. Burler arrived in the wake of the discovery of the germ-killing effects of the red dye Prontosil, which was shown to be activated when it was changed in the body to sulphanilamide - which was casy to make and was not patented. It wrought miracles when infection was due to streptococcus, but not with staphylococcus, the usual cause of osteomyelinis. No one learnt faster than Buder, who reported 500

cases in a Hunterian Lecture in 1940.

Suddenly, in 1944, things changed when, thanks to his old friend Hugh Cairns, who was working with Florey in Oxford. Butler was given a limited supply of penicillin. None of his next 21 patients died, and he soon showed that it was safe to close the wound within 7-10 days. The months of stinking plaster were over.

Shortly after VE-Day the Government

flew Butler and Alexander Fleming to Copenhagen to demonstrate the new methods, "Fleming was greeted with enormous enthusiasm," Butler wrote, "Little credit was given to the outstanding work done by Florey and his co-workers in Oxford during the war years. It is quite possible that without Florey's work, penicillin might never have been used on patients."

In the lulls between dealing with civilian casualties, Butler specialised in surgery of the large bowel and introduced new methods. He remained a general surgeon, but laser developed a technique for removing cancers of the parotid gland, using an electric stimulator to protect the delicate branches of the facial nerve.

Rather shy, he was a courteous and popular teacher, with an engaging foible of humming Lead, kindly light when in difficulties with the sigmoidoscope. He was never ruffled, even when an explosion once singed his eyebrows. He became chairman of the Court of Examiners at the Royal College of Surgeons, and in retirement continued as curator of the museum in his old medical college, in which were lovingly preserved the relics of his parents' friend and patient, Joseph. Merrick, the Elephant Man.

He was divorced in 1957, but he is survived by his daughter and two sons.

PROFESSOR DUNCAN MITCHELL

Duncan Mitchell, OBE, Professor of Sociology at Exeter University, 1967-85. died on January 25 aged 77. He was born on June 5, 1921.

AS A student at the London School of Economics after the war, Duncan Mitchell's studies included a course in sociology under Karl Popper, a class that produced a profusion of future sociologists.

In 1954, Mitchell was appointed to take charge of sociology in the philosophy department at Exeter, where, as the junior academic partner, responsible for a new subject and eager to expand it, he was aware of the danger of becoming a cuckoo in the departmental nest. Fortunately, the needs of his subject and its growing number of students were accommodated. Extra staff were appointed, and Mitchell was made head of department in 1963, and Professor of Sociology in 1967. Among his publications are Sociology: The Study of Social Systems (1959) and A Dictionary of Sociology (1968), which was

translated into some dozen languages. Sociology at Exeter reflected Mitchell's eclecticism. Members of staff enjoyed academic reputations in very different areas, and a particularly successful innovation was the establishment of an Institute of Population Studies with Mitchell as director. His contribution to the university was recognised by his appointment as Dean of the Faculty of Social Studies, as deputy vice-chancellor,

and as acting vice-chancellor, 1972-73.

His service to the community was also outstanding. In 1967 he was one of the founders of the Devon Community Housing Society, which he chaired for 30 years. At first it aimed to accommodate families, but it later concentrated on homes for the elderly, the physically disabled, and people with learning difficulties or needing nursing care. Now the owner of more, than 60 properties, it has specialised in converting empty buildings, such as a disused village school, and extending them into groups of

homes for community living. Mitchell was also a member of Dartmoor Prison's board of visitors, and served as chairman of the English Board of Visitors. He was particularly concerned for mentally ill prisoners, whom he considered to be in the wrong place for their own sakes and those of other inmates and prison staff. His speeches on this problem were not always favourably received by the Home Office. Neverthe-

less, he was appointed OBE in 1984. He was a committed Christian all his life, and a lay preacher. He is survived by Margaret, his wife of 48 years, and by their son and daughter.

SIR GORDON JONES

Sir Gordon Jones, Chairman of Yorkshire Water, 1983-96, died on January 31 aged 71. He was born on February 17, 1927.

QUIET, caring and fun, Sir Gordon Jones was the ideal man, as chairman of the Water Authorities Association, to lead the ten water and waste water companies of England and Wales to successful privatisation in 1989. The selling to the public of a mixed bag of large, medium and small companies was unprecedented. The management teams sometimes bickered in public, but Gordon Jones harnessed the interests of boards of directors, government, banks, lawyers and accountants, and the eventual flotation was a success — perhaps because all of the big merchant banks, lawyers and stockbrokers in the City were themselves representing one or more of the com-panies or underwriting the offer.

Jones also continued as chairman of Yorkshire Water, where efficiency contin-

ued to improve. He was knighted in 1990. However, the company's reputation was dented in 1995, when an exceptional drought struck Yorkshire, raising the unacceptable prospect of restricting sup-

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ply and using standpipes (though it never came to that). Hounded by an efficient Labour Opposition, the company was portayed as the worst in an unpopular industry. Jones was the first to admit that its presentation had been poor.

Gordon Jones was born in Swansea, to which he returned when he retired in 1996. After Swansea University, and four years in the Royal Navy, he joined the British Iron and Steel Research Association, working on raw materials and energy planning. At Esso Petroleum, which he joined in 1960, he became head of British industry sales, before returning to the steel industry as managing director of Rotherhain Tinsley Steel and Firth Vickers. In 1979 he became a director of T W Ward plc. He was a member of the

Government's advisory committee on business and the environment, 1993-96. He was also a governor of Leeds University, and his interest in young people's education and training was reflected by his honorary fellowship of the University College of Swansea, and an honorary DSC from Bradford University. He married Gloria Melville in 1951. She survives him, along with their daughter and twin sons.

Roland Walter (Tiny) Row-Lonrho, ex-newspaper owner, a citizen of Zimbabwe, of London SWL left estate valued at £25,973,190 net. Michael James Bentine, writ-

er, comedian and actor, of Walton-on-the-Hill, Tadworth. Surrey, left estate valued at £258.008 net. Lord Soper, of London NWII.

left estate valued at £200,000 The Countess of Oxford and Asquith, of Mells, Frome, Somerset, left estate valued at F(v)9,2()2 net

Arthur Claude Rye, of New Malden, Surrey, left estate valued at £7,123,919 net. John Henry Bower, of Canwick, Lincoln, left estate valued at £2.648.653 net. Helen Mary Longsdon, of

Llanvair Kilgeddin, Aberga-Conny, left estate valued at £2.471,859 net.

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traditional and mainstream jazz. he made his name in the forward-looking British modernist movement of the 1960s. Shortly after coming down from Fitzwilliam College. Cambridge. In 1957, he joined the icono-clastic clarinettist Sandy Brown. He began on bass but then switched to piano at a time when Brown's band was moving away from New Orleans revivalism to explore contemporary African high-life music and original

compositions by the band's

members.

After a couple of years in which he gathered experience as varied as playing in Kenny Ball's band and on the Queen Mary, he naturally fell in with the core of London's modern jazz musicians, in bands such as the Allan Ganley / Ronnie Ross Jazzmakers (with which he spent several short spells) and the quintet led by Ronnie Scott and the trumpeier Jimmy Deuchar, By 1961. Purbrook had formed a working partnership with the saxophonist Tony Coe, and they worked together often in the 1960s, later renewing that association in the 1980s on the set of Lady Day, in which Coe played the grouchy saxophonist who was the foil for Bridgewater's portrayal of Billie

Purbrook's stage career began in 1963, during a spell as double bassist in Dudley Moore's trio. which provided the musical component of the revue Beyond the Fringe. The following year he played piano in the pioneering British modern jazz quintet jointly led by Don Rendell and Ian Carr, appearing on their album Shades of Blue. As the 1960s went on, he continued his association with Coe, both men appearing on a concert album cut in 1966 for the 77 label alongside the tenorist Tubby Hayes. By now he had begun working with the famous Americans, such as Benny Goodman. Chet Baker and Art Farmer.

COLIN PURBROOK

In 1977 he became musical director of the show Bubbling Brown Sugar, which enjoyed an extended run at the Royalty Theatre. He subsequently worked in several other shows, including Rent Party in 1989.

During the 1970s and 1980s, he often led his own bands, varying in size from a trio to a sextet, and his trio was frequently used by touring American soloisis as a regular thythm section. The theatrical and jazz sides of his work were most happily combined in his long association with the singer Annie Ross. whom he accompanied on and off for more than 25 years. including residencies within the last three years at the Pizza on the Park in Knightsbridge. His most recent recordings include the critically acclaimed 1996 Satin Album with the tenor saxophonist Bobby Wellins. His former wife and a son

gomery, left estate valued at £1,098,447 ner.

Malcolm Reginald Hardi-

man, of Wokingham, left es-

Christopher Charles Harley, of Bucknell, Shropshire, left

The left 25000 is Brampton Bream Parachael Church Council: 1500 to Brampton Bream Parish Hall Committee. John Lawson, of Prestbury.

Cheltenham. Gloucestershire.

left estate valued at £865,917

Lister Lea. retired farmer, of

West Charleton, Kingsbridge.

Devon, left estate valued at

Richard Marx dental sur-

geon, of South Stoke, Bath, left estate valued at £1,028,160 net.

£1,086,803 net.

rate valued at £1.688.131 net.



Latest wills

Leslie Frederick Williams, of London W5, left estate valued at £2.273.141 net.

David Lewis Baldwin, of Tywyn, Gwynedd, left estate valued at £1,264,305 ner. Pamela Anne Chivers, of Cambridge, left estate valued at estate valued at £1.098,031 £1,092,109 net.

St. (1992, 100) THE L. School, Repton Boys, Club, St. Faithy, School, Cambridge, Francy Hall, Cambridge, Rayl Boravolett, Hund, RSPUA, RSPB, Carver, Rebet Material-lan Lond, NSPUC, Barmardo's, Save the Children Fund and WWF Fund US. Sidney Vincent Cope, of Colyton, Devon, left estate valued at £1,039,2% net.

Richard Alan James Emery, of Shoeburyness, Essex, left estate valued at £1,149,724 net. Roy Neil Gibb. of London NW8, left estate valued at

£1,340,036 net. Phoche Agnes Malet Hamble-ton. of Hyssington. Mont-ops Hull, Taunton, Somerset.

left estate valued at £1,029,600

She left 500,000 to Gorde Dogs for the Blind. Ertzabeth Steinfield, of Hampstead, Lordon NW3 left estate valued at \$1.50,571 net. Eva Mary Sunley, of Truro, Cornwall, left estate valued at E1.603,059 net.

She left (10.00) to the Lions Club of Trume
E5.000 in Devon and Cornwall Austria

Community Trusts plus her residuary
estate to the Bernard Sunley Charitable
Foundation.

Adeline Constance Tristram, of Eastbourne, left estate valued at £1,029,254 net. She left £10,000 to both the RNLI and Guide Dogs for the Bland.

Lewis John Turner, of Singleton. Chichester. West Sussex, left estate valued at £1,562,461

Margaret Hamilton Turner, of Keighley, West Yorks, left estate valued at £1,324,905 net. Michael Waller Beaufort Craig Waller, of London SWIO, left estate valued at £1,297,646 net. He left £1,000 to King Edward VII Hospital

OPERA MERGER PROPOSED

THE Sadler's Wells Trust has proposed that its opera company should be amalgamated with the Carl Rosa Opera Company. If the serve both the provinces and Sadler's Wells Theme.

The proposal was made known yesterday to the staff of Sadler's Wells Theatre in a statement from Mr James Smith, chairman of the Sadler's Wells Trust. It was read by the director, Mr Norman Tucker, who later autounced that, because of the proposed new policy, he had resigned together with Mr Stephen Arlen, general manager of the theatre, and Mr Alexander Gibson, the recently appointed music director. The resignations would take effect in July, at the end of the present contract period.

It was also announced that Mr John Wyckham, production manager and stage director of the opera company, had resigned. In his statement. Mr Smith said: For some time past it has been apparent

that the continually rising cost of presenting

opera in this country might cause some curtailment of the activities of both the Carl

Rosa and the Sadler's Wells companies, both

The Carl Rosa Opera Company, which did much to popularise opera in Britain, was again in difficulties, but by no means finished.

of which receive substantial subsidies from the Arts Council. But the subsidies now available are insufficient to maintain two companies at their present levels and it does not appear possible for them to proceed as separate organizations after the early summer

of 1958 when existing contracts end.

In order to provide the widest possible coverage both in London and the country, the proposal is now being considered that the Sadler's Wells and Carl Rosa organizations should combine to set up a new trust representing both bodies. The new trust, with one opera company, would undertake a tour

in the autumn of 1958 and a London season in the spring of 1959, followed by a further Should times prove more propitious in the

future it may be possible to return to the position in which two companies can again be

The proposal means that one orchestra, one chorus, and one set of principals will be employed: it is to be presumed that these forces will be drawn from both companies. but many musicians will be without work as a

result of the amalgamation. Representatives of Equity and of the Musicians Union said that their organiza-tions would resist to the utmost the proposed

In the statement announcing their resigna-tions, Mr Tucker, Mr Arlen, and Mr Gibson expressed the view that the proposed new policy "means the cessation of the policy pursued by Sadler's Wells since its opening in 1931, operating primarily as a metropolitan house and, since the war, in a complementary

capacity to Covent Garden."

The statement went on: "Moreover, in spite of the re-employment that may be offered in individual cases, it involves the disbanding of the opera company which has been carefully built up over a long period and whose presinge has never stood higher than at the present time."

THE TIMES TODAY

Bootleggers force Brown's hand

Gordon Brown is to unveil a tougher-than-expected Budget after being hit by a £2 billion shortfall in revenue much of it because of tobacco smuggling.

The Chancellor of the Exchequer is expected to announce an investigation into the operation of Customs and Excise after officials told him that he was losing more than El billion in duty a year through organised cigarette smuggling. The worldwide drop in oil prices will also mean the loss of several million pounds in revenue...

Euro challenge for Blair

David Owen and Denis Healey, vererans of the last Labour govemment, will return to the frontline to present a new challenge to the Government's move towards the euro. They will join forc-

Gibraltar siege

livelihoods....

Three thousand people from La

Linea legally work in Gibraltar

and are protesting to their own

Government that the border re-

strictions are threatening their

Endangered species

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generations have pliednintended

victims of attempts to save the

Israeli warplanes bombarded

Hezbollah militia positions at

Baalbek in eastern Lebanon after

Israel's senior commander in

south Lebanon was killedby a

Nigeria's fragile transition from

dictatorship to democracy was in

jeopardy after Olu Falae refused

to accept the victory of his oppo-

nent for the presidency....Page 12

With tensions mounting in rela-

tions, Madeleine Albright, the US

Secretary of State, and her Chi-

nese hosts will engage in tough

.. Page 11

Israeli revenge

roadside bomb...

Nigeria crisis

Tough talking

taiking today

Rape trials row

Baroness Jay, Minister for Women, was last night at the centre of a row over Government plans to clamp down on women's sexual history being admitted as evi-

Straw returns The Home Secretary will be back

at his desk today after disappearing for 72 hours at the height of the controversy over the Stephen Lawrence Inquiry Page 1

Palace dismayed

Buckingham Palace is dismayed by the limited role that the Queen will play in the opening of the Scottish Parliament... Page I

Playboys

The first lifestyle magazine for professional footballers has been launched, filled with glossy advertisements for fast cars, country mansions and yachts Page 3

Boxing fan killed

Aboxing fan died after falling under the wheels of a coach while trying to escape fighting that broke out after a Commonwealth title bout. Violence raged around the ambulancemen as they tried to save the man's life......Page 5

Broadcaster hurt

The award-winning broadcaster Sheena McDonald remained in a critical condition yesterday after being hit by a police van... Page 6

Kosovo fighting Serb forces massed in their thousands in and around Kosovo as the province was engulfed in new fighting that threatens to shatter the fragile peace process. Page 14

£6,200 is the cost of old jokes

Dennis the Menace and the Bash Street Kids were mere twinkles in the cartoonist's eye when the first edition of the Beano was published in 1938. Lord Snooty is the only relic to have lasted into the 1990s and only the boy aristocrat and his pals could now afford the original edition, which sold at auction for £6,200, the largest sum paid for a comic in Britain...... Page 1



Cartoonist puts his stamp on Jenner

A SPECIAL millennium stamp by The Times cartoonist)
Peter Brookes, portraying the discovery of vaccination by Edward Jenner is to go on sale tomorrow (Mark Henderson

The design, which will feature on the 20p second class stamp, is released as part of the **Ontient's Tale*, the third issue in the Royal Mail's millennium collection, Entitled Dr Jonner's Vaccination, it tells the 18th century story of how the Gloucestershire doctor discovered a medical advance!

which has saved millions of lives worldwide.

Dr Jenner noticed that the milkmaids in his village who had caught cowpox never went on to contract the deadly smallpox virus, one of the biggest killers of the day, He took vaccine (derived from the Latin vacca) from a cowpox sore and injected it into a boy, who developed an immunity

The Brookes design incorporates all the elements of the story. Or Jenner and James Phipps, his patient, are portrayed in silhouette in the markings of a cow, which is tilked by an immune maid. It also evokes his popular Nature Notes series, which is published in The Times on Saturdays, Mr Brookes said: "It is a great honour for a " mere cartoonist. It's wonderful to be involved as there is a great galaxy of artists, illustrators and designers working

Mirror Bid: Trinity, the UK's largest regional newspaper group, took the next step in its bid to acquire the Mirror Group by tabling an offer worth more than El billion over the .. Page 48 weekend... Mobile Float: Cable & Wireless is

considering a flotation of One-2 Page 48 Comeback Stephen Hinchcliffe, the disgraced Sheffield businessmen who has been charged with ten counts of corruption by the Serious Fraud Office, is trying to revive his career by making children's car-_Page 48

Rate Cut: The City is optimistic that the Bank of England will again cut rates when it concludes its monthly monetary policy committee later this week

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Hidden hero: In a quiet corner of Guildford, Surrey, lives Henk Huffener, an embarrassed hero who saved dozens of Jews from the Nazis. Grace Bradberry inter-

Fabulously happening: Every five years or so, London Fashion Week is supposedly about to meet its Maker. But despite all the handwringing, the event is still very much alive. Lisa Armstrong re-

Flower power: Susan MacDonald offers adice on what to buy for Mothering Sunday Page 40

.. Pages 16, 17

Thumbs down: London's Gate Theaire is celebrating its 20th birthday with a new production of Cervantes's Don Quixote that is totally inept and incoherent, writes Benedict Nightingale ...

Road show: The touring stage version of the television hit Goodness Gracious Me proves that Sanjeev Hollywood hero: Jeff Bridges has never bothered to pursue the life of a real movie star; all he cares about is making interesting movies like Page 19 Concert report: The Russian pianist Nikolai Demidenko plays a pro-

TOMORROW:

IN THE TIMES

Meet Michael Corder

the choreographer

make it all happen

for the Royal Ballet

dog any imitators of

One Man and his Dog

Why copyright law could

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Arlington Road ... gramme of Beethoven at the Barbican in London but the atmosphere

Football: Arsenal's charge towards the FA Carling Premiership title suffered a sethack when a late equaliser by Hamann deprived them of a win at Newcastle United... Page 25 Motor rallying: Colin McRae justified his surprising switch to Ford by capturing the Safari Rally, the team's first victory in the event for

20 years... Tennis: Greg Rusedski failed at the final hurdle in the Guardian Direct tournament, Richard Krajicek emerging the winner____Page 27 ice hockey: Manchester Storm are harbouring similar European ambitions to their footballing counterparts in the city after securing the Sekonda Superleague title. Page 27 Rugby union: Two tries by Inga Tuigamala helped Newcastle overcome Saracens, the holders, in their Cup quarter-finalPage 34 Racing: Richard Dunwoody gave a timely reminder of his talents in winning the Racing Post Chase at Kempton and can now look for-

ward to the Cheltenham Festival

with renewed confidence... Page 37

1, 13, 7, 15, 38, 43. Bonua: 47 There were no outright winners and Wednesday's jackpot will be an estimated £13 million rollover. Thirteen tickets won £177,637 each for five numbers and the bonus; 913 won El.580 for five numbers: 51,885 won £61 for four and 1,018,247 won £10 for three.

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Preview: Tribe UK offers insig into the lives orf young peop (BBC2, 11.15pm). Review: The Builders raises the docusoap to an unexplored level of pointlessness, says Paul Hoggart Pages 46.47.

The Commons interest Britain needs both Houses of Parliament to become more vigorous inistitutions. A serious reform of the House of Lords can be the catalyst for a long overdue modernisation of the House of Commons. Page 21

Good Europeans

New Europe, the group that launches today to put the case against joining EMU, provides an intellectual home for people of all parties and

Take the high road

The pageantry of monarchy might seem out of step with the modernism of new Labour; but it serves as a buckle for the Union and an emblem of continuity.....

WILLIAM REES-MOGG I do not know whether the millennium prayer is more offensive for its clumsiness, for the meretricious use of fragments of real prayers, or for the mind-numbing combination of vacuity of meaning with intellectual dishonesty...........Page 20

PETER RIDDELL

Failure to join the euro in the next Parliament would be a huge setback for Blair's strategy and would force a reassessment of his whole foreign policy.....

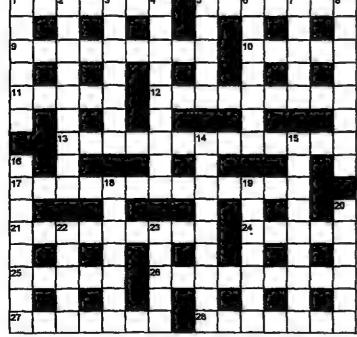
ANNA BLUNDY

To watch the increasingly frenzied race to be President of Russia, you would be forgiven for getting the impression that the job was some-

Lady Pansy Lamb, writer; Colin Purbrook, jazz pianist; Clive Butler, surgeon: Duncan Mitchell, sociolo-

Nato and Kosovo; National Changeover Plan; end of subsidy for live classical music; art fakes; nuclear power; rose-ringed para, keets...

THE TIMES CROSSWORD NO 21,039



- 1 False claim he made to be tsar (7). 5 Fail to go off and produce a report
- 9 Reckless prosecutor about to take
- on junior counsel (9). 10 A president's first dance (5).
- 11 Arab's son mainly employed in sound reproduction (5).
- 12 Northern state nominates new as-13 Certain people display shock af-
- ter crew's dance (9.4). 17 Remain neutral, or restrain the
- criminal? (3.2.3.5). 21 Stimulating foretaste of cooked
- 24 Wrongfully seize old city, cap-tured by American power (5).
- 25 Mature insect a long way back in the past (5).

The solution of Saturday's Prize Puzzle No 21,038 will appear next Saturday. The five winners will each receive a £20 book token.

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- 26 Idle talk's holding back queer with company, sire (9).
- 27 First-class teachers rejected out side one's country (7). 28 A couple of unknowns agent dis-

posed of in Asian river (7).

- l Unassuming, as Mussorgsky was 2 Back of chair used in clubs, luxuri-
- ous and well-padded (9). Put in fish that's going rotten (7).
- Fruit produced by bishops, perhaps, outside see (5).
 6 Cardinal takes drink with mili-
- tary men (7). 7 Northerner's home game
- dier turned up first (5).

 8 Like taped music some remember as a blessing (8)-
- 14 Money collected from party member without hesitation (9). 15 River worker secures share of
- profits as performer (9). 16 Spies act strangely, recreating
- from reality (8). 18 One joining alliance with partners in communities (7). 19 Time in special cell - but one isn't
- charged (7)-20 Excellent food brought in for

fresh before noon (5).

- each person (6). 22 Seafood pie originally served
- Times Two Crossword, page 48

London 5.39 pm to 6.44 are Bresol 5.50 pm to 6.54 am Edinburgh 5.46 pm to 7.03 am Manchester 5.46 pm to 6.56 am Penzance 6.03 pm to 7.05 am **NEWSPAPERS** 4 Pet need of striker in union? (4-5). SUPPORT RECYCLING

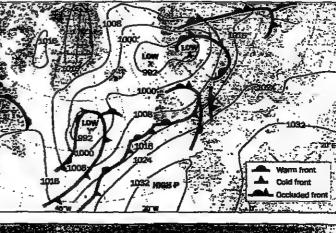


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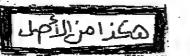


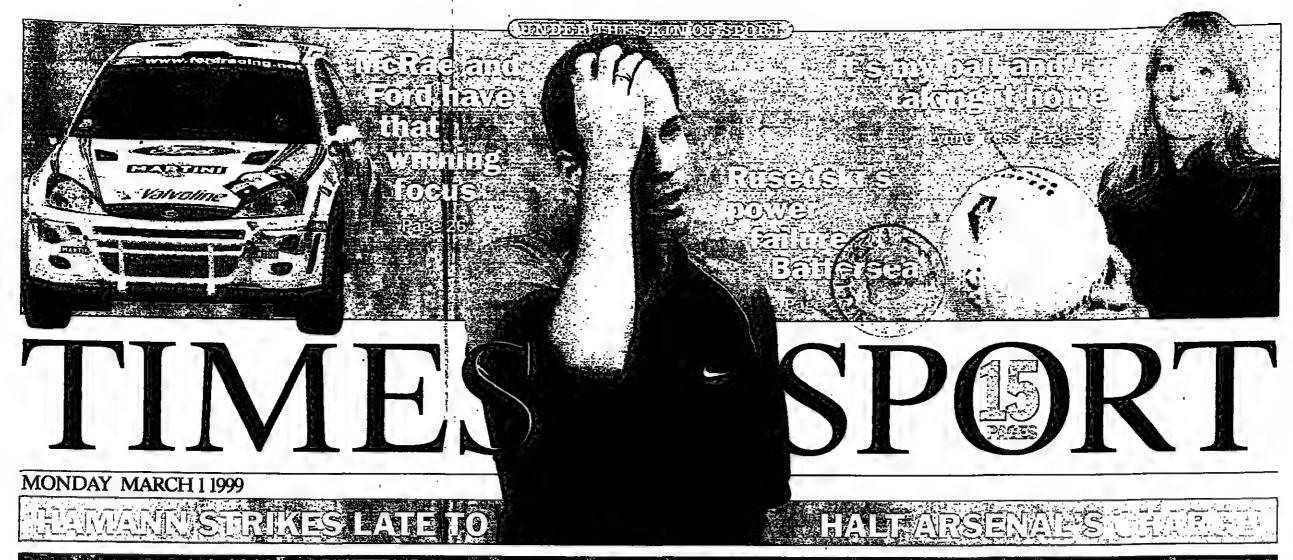
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Hamann withstands the challenge of Adams, the Arsenal central defender, to power Newcastle United's equalising goal past Seaman at St James' Park yesterday and add another twist to the FA Carling Premiership title race. Photograph: John Giles

Le Saux faces trial by television

GRAEME LE SAUX. Chelsea's England defender, could face trial by television after referee Paul Durkin admitted that he would have sent him off had he seen his alleged elbow attack on Robbie Fowler. Durkin missed the off-the-ball incident during Chelsea's 2-1 win over Liverpool at Stamford Bridge on Saturday and will not be including it in his report to the Football Association

The official, from Portland, has since seen the clash on television, in which Le Saux appeared to elbow Fowler on the back of the head. "I can assure everyone that if I had seen it Le Saux would have been sent off," he said. "But neither I nor my assistant referee saw it. What happens now is down to the FA."

The FA has used video evidence against players before, such as when John Hartson kicked Eyal Berkovic during a training session at West Ham United, and Le Saux could face disciplinary action.

The BBC will provide the FA with a tape of the incident if asked. Steve Double, the FA spokesman, said: "It is an option while there is also the fourth official's match report to consider." The incident was the culmination of a running battle between Le Saux and the Liverpool striker.

Pressure starts to take toll on champions

By Oliver Holt FOOTBALL CORRESPONDENT

THEY fled the Tyneside gloom as quickly as they could last night. All but Dennis Bergkamp hightailed it out of St James' Park and headed for the airport and their flight back to London. Some of them meaned half-heartedly about the pitch, horribly heavy and devilishly rutted, but every Arsenal player mourned a more important piece of lost ground.

In other circumstances, perhaps, a hard-fought 1-1 draw with a Newcastle United side that is threatening a modest resurgence might not have been cause for despondency for Arsene Wenger and his side. but such is the pace that Manchester United. Chelsea and Arsenal have been setting at the top of the FA Carling Premiership as the chase for the title approaches its climax that the two points the champions dropped yesterday, courtesy of a late equaliser by Dietmar Hamann, acquired the air of a

significant setback. United, who rested three players in advance of their European Cup quarter-final first leg with Internazionale on Wednesday, squeezed past the desperate challenge of Southampion at Old Trafford to record their eighth win in ten unbeaten league games and maintain their four-point lead

at the top of the table. Cheisea, who seemed to have been dinging on to their own challenge like a boxer beginning to feel the effect of 100 many punches, defied those



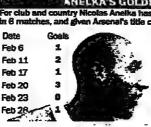
Wenger: knows his team cannot afford mistakes

who doubt them with some invigorating football as they outplayed Liverpool at Stamford Bridge. Those results heaped the pressure on Arsenal, the only one of the trio who have no European fixtures to dilute their commitment, to continue their own remarkable recent sequence of results in the North East and stay in touch.

They seemed to have succeeded when Nicolas Anelka. who is so full of confidence that he seems to think he is going to score every time he gets the ball, claimed his sixth goal in four league games nine minunes before half-time, when he capitalised on successive mis-

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takes by Steve Howey and Nikos Dabizas to take the ball round Shay Given and slide it calmly into an open net. In the second half, though, the intensity of the struggle to keep pace with United and Chelsea

seemed to take its toll. Arsenal had conceded only two goals in nine Premiership games before yesterday, but the third condemned them to a nervous finish and a sevenpoint deficit to make up on United

"We were in front and we could have finished the game off in the first half," Wenger said. "In the second half, we did not seem to come out

enough and take the game to them. We did not really have the feeling that Newcastle were dangerous, but it was as

if we were content with 1-0 and we lost our offensive fluency. "We have dropped two points but we know that it is not easy to get three points here. Of course, we knew be-

fore the game that it would be important to win, especially with the way the other results have gone this weekend. But there is still a long way to go and everybody else will drop points, too.

"The only problem we have now is that we, more than the other two, cannot afford any

good position and we have a game in hand, but it will be a hard battle."

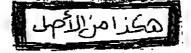
Arsenal's uncharacteristic surrender of a lead cast a shadow over what had been until then a superbly disciplined, resolute performance. Martin Keown and Tony Adams, the heart of a defence that has conceded only 13 goals all season. were heartless in the subjugation of Alan Shearer, unyielding in their domination of the England centre forward. Patrick Vieira, too, was outstanding at the hub of the side, leading the way in the pressing that joited the home team out of its commendable attempt to play neat, passing football.

Despite the greater flamboyance of United and Chelsea the suspicion remains that Arsenal have the best balance. the most resilience for the Il-game run-in. The combination of their near-unbreachable defence and the explosiveness of the partnership between Bergkamp and Anelka is close to irresistible.

Once, perhaps, Rund Gullit might have been in the thick of it himself, but when he was asked for his opinion on the latest twist in the title race, the Newcastle manager offered a wistful smile. "I have other sorrows now," he said. "Too many worries to be interested in that." Like the joys of others, Gullit spread his sorrow around on Tyneside last night.

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Higgins on course in title defence

BY PHIL YATES

JOHN HIGGINS, winner of the Liverpool Victoria Charity Challenge last year, was on course to make a successful title defence when established a 6-2 lead over Ronnie O'Sullivan at the Assembly Rooms in Derby yesterday.

Since making his career breakthrough by becom-ing Grand Prix champion at the same venue in October 1994. Higgins has matured into a fearsome opponent. He has figured in 26 finals, lifted 13 trophies and amassed over £1.7mil-

lion in prize-money.
This maturity came to the fore when, earlier this month, he recovered from an 8-6 deficit to defeat Ken Doherty 10-8 in the final of the Benson and Hedges Masters at Wembley and again on Saturday when he edged Doherty 6-5 in

"I want to win every tournament 1 enter these days, " Higgins said, "It becomes a habit and you become greedy for more."
O'Sullivan, beaten 9-8

by Higgins in the final last year, entered the mid-session interval at 2-2, but generally lacked the sharpness he displayed in beating Jimmy White 6-4 in their semi-final.

A run of 65 enabled Higgins to win the fifth frame and he moved into a 4-2 lead with a 62 break in the sixth. O'Sullivan did not score a point in the seventh, but should have salvaged the eighth.

After fluking a snooker with just the colours remaining, he missed the yellow and Higgins cleared to pink to carry a commanding advantage into the final session. SEMI-FINALS: R O'Suiven (Eng) bl. J White (Eng) 6-4, J Haggine (Soot) bl. K Doherly (fig) 6-5

☐ Kelly Fisher, Pontefract, completed a 4-1 victory over Julie Gillespie in the final of the national MOTOR RALLYING

Ford bask in glow of McRae's victory

FROM JEREMY HART IN NAIROBI

GRILLED under the Kenyan sun and dusted by the rooster tails of red Rift Valley dirt thrown up by a hundred cars, the African spectators watch-ing the Safari Rally this weekend knew exactly who they wanted to win, "Mike Tyson" they sung in unison.

Wrong sport, right idea. The winner yesterday of the world's toughest rally was about as predictable as the pugilist.

Just a month after being branded parials for using an illegal water pump when their orange, blue and white Focus made its debut in Monte Carlo, Ford's humble pie was turned into champagne by rallying's £6 million man. Colin McRae romped across Kenya's rocky bush to win by a country mile and put a smile back on the faces of his team, as well as one of horror on

those of his rivals. "Colin is now my greatest threat for the championship." Tommi Makinen, the winner of five of the previous six ralties, said. "It is great for the sport to see Colin win, but worrying for everyone else." More so after Makinen, who finished second, was subsequently disqualified for receiving

WANDERERS (final day of four): Eng-land A beat Gauteng by 10 wickets

ENGLAND A travel to Cape Town to-

day for the concluding match of their

tour, against a strong President's XI at

Newlands, with their unbeaten record

reinforced by a comprehensive win

help when his Mitsubishi suffered a puncture on Friday. The championship leader claimed that the spectators were more of a hindrance than

McRae's winning margin was seven minutes. At the start of the final leg, south of Nairobi, he was almost a quarter of an hour ahead of Makinen, the three-times world champion, but the Finn was on a charge and McRae had to nurse a sick engine through 200 miles of the harshest

stages in the world.
"It was heart-in-the-mouth stuff," a twitchy Malcolm Wilson, whose M-Sport outlit in Cumbria has built the first winning Ford in 18 months, said. "We told Colin to take it easy and thankfully he and the car held on."

Aiready out before the final stages yesterday were Richard Burns, the early leader, whose Subaru ground to a halt with a broken suspension, and Fred-dy Loix, of Belgium, who crashed his Mitsubishi at 100mph. Little wonder that McRae was uncharacteristically apprehensive as he bounced over the last few jarring miles.

"I have never been as nerv-



McRae, left, and Nicky Grist, his co-driver, are weighed down by the spoils of victory

said. "I was listening out for every noise coming from the car, I only relaxed after the second-to-last stage. The final one was just a couple of kilo-

Within an hour of his first win for Ford, McRae was predicting possible victories in the Acropolis Rally in Greece in the summer and perhaps earlier. 'The fact we brought a new car to the Safari, the hardest and toughest rally of all, and won is fantastic." McRae said.

Gauteng collapse against Cosker's spin

From Thrasy Petropolous in Johannesburg

CRICKET

knocked off the runs in less than three

overs and won with over a session to

After Graeme Swann's spell of four

wickets for one run to polish off the tail

in the Gauteng first innings on Satur-

would have been surprised with a win, but now we have found the car is very strong and fast. Third in Sweden and first here shows that. The rest of the season is now looking

Beneficiaries of Makinen's disqualification were the three Toyota drivers. Didier Auriol, Carlos Sainz and Ian Duncan. It was Toyota who protested about Makinen's outside assistance in what was seen as revenge for the Finn escaping punishment in Australia last

year, when he jumped the start of a stage and went on to win the title. Tommi did something wrong and it is only fair to be punished for it."

Fifth was McRae's rookie team-mate, Petter Solberg, of Norway Drafted in to replace the injured Thomas Radstrom, Solberg is regarded as a future champion. For the second year in suc-

cession, SEAT gained the final championship point with sixth

Cosker, to shine yesterday, completing a well deserved five-wicket haul as he

Andre Seymore and Derek Crookes,

who are in South Africa's provisional

squad of 19 for the World Cup, both fell to Cosker and the lower-order players

☐ The England Under-19 team made a

poor effort at scoring 221 from 43 overs

to win the second one-day internation-

al at Westpaci Trust Park and were

bowled out for 136, allowing New Zea-

exploited a wearing surface.

were quickly swept aside.

land to square the series.

Journeymen emerge to contest jackpot

From John Hopkins, golf correspondent in carlsbad, california

WEEKEND golfers the world over were playing for money yesterday but none, not even those at Sunningdale where the bets sometimes resemble the loans to a third-world country, was playing for anything like as much money as Andrew Magee and Jeff Maggert. These two Americans were playing one another over 36 holes here at La Costa for the biggest golfing prize of their lives. Money talks at this resort, a hedonist's play-ground, but it has seldom talked as loudly as this.

At stake was \$1 million, the prize for the winner of the final of the Andersen Consulting World Match Play Champion ship. It is a huge amount of money and when the total purse of \$5 million was announced it was expected that men such as Tiger Woods, David Duval or Emie Els would feature in the final. But one of the striking features of this event that started last Wednesday with 64 of the leading 65 players in the world in the field, has been the culling

of the seeds. Maggert and Magee were two of the less fancied competitors. Magee has won four events in his 15-year profes-sional career and Maggert, who turned professional in 1986, only one - and that in unusual circumstances. He took the 1993 Walt Disney Oldsmobile in Florida by holing out on a green that was illuminated by car headlights. Maggert is 24th in the world

rankings and Magee, who was born in Paris and has Scottish and Irish antecedents, fiftieth. They have one Ryder Cup appearance between them and neither has won a tournament for four years. "One mecececeillionnn doi-

Illiars," Magee, an engaging and laconic man, who chipped in to defeat John Huston in his semi-final, said. "I like money. Money is the motivating factor. I never strove to be No I in the world and if I'm not No I after 15 years out here, I'm probably never going to be."

Maggert gives the impression of being tightly in control

of himself at all times. His golf

victory in Tel Aviv.

SPORT IN BRIEF

the 1998 senior champion, looked home and dry when she led 15-3 after 11 ends, but Talbot, who has been playing on the

crown greens of Yorkshire since she was 12, but now plays on

scores at 15-15, after 18. Talbot took the lead at 20-19, but Ashby

the flat at Barnsley Metrodome during winter, levelled the

■ BASKETBALL: England's reputation as one of the most

improving nations in Europe was reflected in the narrow

writes). "If the free throws had gone in, the game would have

been ours," Laszlo Nemeth, the coach, said after Israel's 79-76

scoring record by three strokes yesterday when she finished on

262, 26 under par, to win the Australian Ladies Masters at the Royal Pines course, on the Gold Coast, Webb's score also

bettered Laura Davies's European Tour record of 25 under par.

BADMINTON: Simon Archer and Joanne Goode produced

their finest sequence of performances as a partnership and boosted their prospects for the All England championships in

two weeks time when they reached the final of the World Grand Prix championships in Brunei yesterday, only to fall 15-6, 15-9 against the South Koreans, Kim Dong Moon and Ra

SAILING: Marc Thiercelin, of France, was expected to reach

damaged Open 60, which was dismasted last week as he was leading the Around Alone Race (Edward Gorman writes). Thiercelin is determined to finish the race and plans are afoot

to fly a new mast and sails out to the islands from France on

the Falkland Islands yesterday on board Somewhere, his

margin of their defeat by Israel in the semi-finals of the European championship on Saturday (Nicholas Harling

GOLF: Karrie Webb, of Australia, broke the US LPGA

set at the 1995 Irish Open in Dublin. Janice Moodie, of

Scotland, finished second, ten shots behind Webb.

coolly drew two perfect bowls on the 25th to edge home.

BOWLS: Carol Ashby, who reached the women's world indoor singles final last April, took the England Under-31 singles true at Exeter, when she held off a tremendous fightback from Debbie Talbot to win the final, 21-20. Ashby.

swing is firm and he does not hit the ball all that far nor all that high. He overpowers courses by stealth rather than by the full frontal attack of say, Greg Norman or Woods. "Winning the golf tournament is going to mean a lot more to me than the million dollars," Maggert, who was 35 nine days ago, said, even though he has never won anything like \$1 million in an entire season, never mind one week.

Maggert was the first to strike in the final, parting the opening hole to win it and then making birdie at the sec-ond to take a two-hole lead, which was contrary to the evi-dence of the week. Maggert. usualty a slow starter, was three down after II holes of his semi-final against Steve Pate and had slipped back to be two down to Magee after 18 holes



Maggert has won only one tournament on the US tour

of the final. He has invariably played the second nine strong-ly. He had won 24 holes in all before the final, 14 on the homeward nine, which he had

played in ten under par.

When you get down in
matchplay you have to go out
and make something happen," Maggert said. "In strokeplay, three strokes behind is not a significant margin. I can make an eagle and the man I'm chasing can bogey. But in matchplay if you win a hole by one stroke or three strokes it doesn't matter. Three down is a significant margin."
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over Gauteng yesterday.

Having been forced to follow-on on Saturday. Gauteng, with nine wickets remaining, still had hopes of saving the game. But once Adam Bacher had with a break of 53. chipped Dean Cosker to mid-wicket

AN EXCLUSIVE COMPETITION

land A, needing only 27 to win. day, it was the turn of his spin partner,

and watched Darren Maddy take a

good diving catch, they had no answer

to the combination of Cosker's left-arm

spin and the pace of Darren Thomas

and collapsed from 140 for one to 211 all

out against the Glamorgan pair. Eng-

WINAVIPTRIP to cheltenham



he Cheltenham Festival, the highlight of the National Hunt racing calendar, is just two weeks away and The Times has teamed up with leading brewers and Festival sponsors Guinness to offer readers the chance to win a pair of VIP tickets to the National Hunt Festival on Tuesday, March 16. The lucky winner and a guest will travel to the racecourse in style by helicopter

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CHANGING TIMES

Sri Lanka find third captain

SRI LANKA were compelled to name a replacement captain twice within a few hours yesterday after Arjuna Ranatunga was ruled out of this week's Asian Test championship match against Pakistan

with a hamstring injury. In Ranatunga's absence Aravinda de Silva was named to lead the side in the final round-robin Test starting in Lahore on Thursday. Then he himself had to withdraw through injury on the final day of the game against India in Colombo yesterday. Hashan Tillekeratne has now been named captain.

Sri Lanka will face Pakistan without many of their key players. Apart from Ranatunga and de Silva, Chaminda Vaas is being rested while Sanath Jayasuriya and Mutti-ah Muralitharan are injured.

Sachin Tendulkar scored his nineteenth Test century yesterday to remain unbeaten on 124 as India and Sri Lanka ground out a draw in the second match of the triangular series. India reached 306-5 after being 59-1 overnight.

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Cullinan's double celebration

A MAGNIFICENT careerbest double century by Daryll Cullinan put South Africa in an impregnable position against New Zealand on the second day of the first Test in

During nearly eleven hours .monumentai concentration, Cullinan scored 246 not out, his seventh Test century, surpassing his previous best of 168, scored against West Indies last month.

Starting the day in the strong position of 245 for two, South Africa ended on 562 for five. It was their highest score against New Zealand, beating the 524 for eight they made at Wellington's Basin Reserve in

Cullinan, who hit 25 fours and two sixes, is just nine runs short of the highest individual inning against New Zealand by a South African — which belongs to Jackie McGlew scored in the same 1953 game.

Hansie Cronje, the South Africa captain, decided not to declare and almost certainly plans to bat just once in the match! New Zealand must score \$63 just to avoid the

Atherton in line for World Cup recall

BY RICHARD HORSON

MICHAEL ATHERTON, omitted from the recent Carl-ton & United one-day series in Australia, is expected to be recalled when England, the host country, become the first of the nine Test-playing nations to announce their World Cup

squad today. David Graveney, the chairman of selectors, has con-firmed that a list of 15 names will be released at Lord's this

With a series of fitness tests organised before departing via Pakistan for a triangular tournament in Sharjah on March 29 — effectively a World Cup warm-up — England can still make alterations before the selection deadline of March 31. This will be especially relevant for Atherton and Graham

Thorpe, who have back problems.

It is unlikely that anybody outside the initial squad of 30 will feature in the tournament, which degins on May 14. The selection of Atherton, with a one-day international average of 35.11 from 54 games, would reflect the need for somebody who can complement the more



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Dubious tactics fail to bring down Krajicek

By Julian Muscat, tennis correspondent

RICHARD KRAJICEK could afford to be magnanimous. A tactic of dubious legitimacy from Greg Rusedski had transformed the Briton's fortunes to carry him within two points of the match before Krajicek, the better player throughout this final of the Guardian Direct Cup, regrouped to collect the sixteenth title of his career.
Rusedski himself would

have savoured the quality of service that had swept Krajicek to the brink of victory. The hard part was complete. Krajicek merely had to hold serve, as he had throughout the match, for two more games to cash the \$128,000 (£80,000) winner's cheque. But after another ace, his 26th of the match, took him to 15-0, Rusedski delved into a murky world.

In mock protestation, Rusedski summoned a ball-girl, Victoria Lister, to rally with Krajicek, the move plainly aimed at fracturing his opponent's concentration. It worked. Detained, to much crowd banter, by a 14-stroke raily, which was comfortably the longest in the match, Krajicek then resumed - only to lose ten of the next II points. The two players were thus locked together at 44, with every prospect of a tie-break to settle a match that was firmly

in Krajicek's grasp.
Krajicek's expression, when
he then trailed 30-0, on serve. in the next game, told a very different story to the one that he would tell at the contest's conclusion. in the end, Krajicek, who rallied to lead 6-5, broke a flagging Rusedski to win 7-6, 6-7, 7-5 after two hours and six minutes of largely uninspiring tennis.

There was a hint of sarcasm in his voice when, in the postmatch interview on court, he said: "The next time Greg is

serving me off the court I. know what to do: just get a ball-girl to go out and play." Later, while suggesting that Rusedski might have indulged the crowd when he trailed 40-0, rather than 15-0, Krajicek blamed himself for the lapse in concentration. It was a rookie mistake on my part," he said. "I thought it

would be OK but I shouldn't

He also revealed that, in those difficult moments, he drew on the memory of his compatriot, Menno Costing, who was killed in a car crash last week. "I wanted to win it for Menno so badly," he said. Krajicek, seeded No 4, amended Oosting's funeral in Son, near Eindhoven, on Saturday morning before returning to London to beat Thomas

Johansson in the semi-finals.

Rusedski, for his part, made light of an incident which, in contrast to the smiling cartoon character he had portrayed all week, revealed a rare glimpse of his cold, calculating mind.
"It is no big deal," he insisted.
"I have had it happen to me before." However, when pressed to elaborate, the man with a memory bordering on encyclopaedic could not remember. The gambit employed by

Williams prevails over Mauresmo

SERENA WILLIAMS, of the United States, clinched her first WTA Tour title when she best Amelie Mauresmo, of France, 6-2, 3-6, 7-6, in the Paris Open final. The 17-year-old was too strong for Mauresmo, who had won through after tough matches against Martina Hingis, the world No I, and Dominique Van Roost, of

Rusedski; seeded No 3, was far from unique. Boris Becker and Andre Agassi have used it, as did Goran Ivanisevic when hopelessly outserved by Mark Philippoussis in the 1997 final at Queen's

Yet none resorted to it whe their matches remained so delicately balanced. Rusedski's calculated act was almost cer-tainly prompted by his unbri-dled desire to triumph before a domestic audience — just as he mistakenly insisted on playing Wimbledon with one sound

ankle eight months ago.

There was no doubt that Krajicek deserved his victory. In the opening set he stayed with Rusedski during the Briton's only spell of dominant serving. The ensuing tebreak, the twelfth since they first squared up six years ago. first squared up six years ago, was effectively settled when Krajicek conjured a stinging backhand cross-court pass to reach set point with his service

From that point Rusedski ap-peared to labour. To his credit, he pulled the second set from the fire when, in another tie-break, Krajicek double-faulted when seemingly in the ascend-ant. Opportunities were precious; when they came, they were usually neutralised by

heavy serving.
In that respect, Krajicek
gave Rusedski a taste of his
own medicine he dished out 30 aces to the Briton's ten.

Rusedski and Tim Henman now head to California for the Newsweek Champions Cup. where Rusedski must defend 337 ranking points for reaching the final 12 months ago. Despite a stop-start first two months of the season, he has scrambled well; he should remain at No 10, when the world rankings are updated this morning. Henman is ex-



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Krajicek celebrates his hard-fought victory over Rusedski at Battersea yesterday

British pair double the interest

GREG RUSEDSKI gained a measure of compensation for his singles defeat by Richard Krajicek when he combined with Tim Henman to win the doubles event yesterday (Inlian Muscat writes). The Great Britain pairing won in straight sets over Wayne Ferreira, of South Africa, and Byron Black, of Zimbabwe.

London crowd, Rusedski and

Henman captured Black's service midway through the opening set to secure the only break in the match. They then rallied from 3-6 down in the second-set tie-break to win five successive points, and with them, the match, 6-3, 7-6. It was the first time that the two Britons have contested a doubles tournament. To the delight of a vocal

Rusedski and Henman used the event to prepare for Great Britain's Davis Cup tie, against the United States, in Birmingham in April, when they are expected to renew their alliance in the doubles Rusedski dropped service over the four matches he and Henman played here.

Henman, whose service was captured just once, said: "I think we have surprised

Kleinendorst standing by Storm troopers

Alan Lee reports on the ice hockey coach who has transformed the fortunes of Britain's biggest club

anchester's sig-nificant minority, the increasing thousands for whom there is now more to sport than Old Trafford, will be relieved to learn that the given them an arresting new identity intends to finish what he started. On the morning after the biggest and most influential club in British ice hockey officially became the best, Kurt Kleinendorst was already planning new horizons for Manchester Storm.

Europe is one challenge to conquer, the nurturing of Brit-ish talent another, and Kleinendorst wants to stay and see it through. The Minnesotan arrived two years ago when playing inadequacy was threatening to vanquish the grand vision in Europe's largest indoor venue. His contract as coach and general manager has only a one-year option remaining, but Kleinendorst had words of reassurance for Storm's phenomenal support.

"I am happy and settled here and I have no plans to move on," he said yesterday. There is a lot more to be achieved and it would take a special offer to get me away. I won't sort things out until the season is over, but I'm already thinking of next year."

Kleinendorst was at a Neil Diamond concert on Saturday night and emerged to hear that Cardiff Devils forlorn pursuit of his team had ended with a 5-4 defeat at Bracknell. Manchester were champions of the Sekonda Superleague with three games still to play and the potentially dramatic fixture away to Cardiff last night was an irrelevance.

Manchester led the league virtually from first to last, losing only one of 19 home games within an otherwise hercely competitive league. Their inheritance from Ayr, who have

fallen heavily from their grand-slam exploits of a year ago, seldom seemed in doubt but, with the most lavish facility and enviable support and sponsorship, their triumph is a necessary landmark in the

renaissance of the sport. The league trophy will be presented before the home match with Nottingham on Thursday and the force of the Storm can be measured by the fact that more than 10,000 seats have already been sold. Kleinendorst said, "one of those occasions when you come out and think wow, that was really something'." One such night, three weeks ago.

can now be seen to have se-

cured the title for Manchester. Their last home game with Cardiff came with the teams level on points and the Welsh club on a roll of seven wins. More than 12,000 saw Storm win 3-1, a victory as breathless as it was priceless. There are few men in this high-octane sport more inscrutable than Eleinendorst, but even his cool veneer collapsed with the lastthe win. "I don't show my feelings much but that was the pivotal night," he said. It was the first of six successive wins for Storm, the first in five defeats

out of six for Cardiff. Kleinendorst's assignment now is to exploit that support base and create a new generation of British players. Manchester have only one homegrown player on their staff, the supremely-gifted Jonathan Weaver, and Kleinendorst is not confident of finding more like him.

"Rinks would rather take money for public skating than encourage locals to learn hockey." he said. "We are doing all we can, with a junior section and a week-long hockey school in April, but it is the biggest

Scoring system beats Rolph

SUSAN ROLPH beat Katrin Meissner in both the 50 and 100 metres freestyle in their final outing of the winter World Can season in Germany at the weekend, but lost the overall sprint freestyle title by an excruciating margin of two

points yesterday. In the end, the severity of Rolph's defeats compared with those suffered by Meissner during a maximum of six point-scoring rounds of the 12-event series mattered more than the fact that the British champion had won seven races to five victories for the German.

The pair met in three rounds. Rolph winning the 100 metres each time. Meissner winning the 50 metres twice but losing to Rolph on Saturday for the first time, 25.06sec

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From Craig Lord in Gelsenkirchen

to 25.23sec. That she beat Meissner, 26, over 50 metres gave Rolph, 20, a great sense of satisfaction and confirmed that her winter training programme is on course to produce the success she craves at the world short-course championships in Hong Kong next

Yesterday's win over 100 metres, in 54.33sec, just 0.06sec up on Meissner, further confirmed Rolph's superiority as a racer. However, two victories do not a World Cup title make, accounting for 20 points, against the 14 for two second places that took the German to 99 points, two clear of the Briton's tally.

The rivals had started the weekend eight points apart, a gap that owed much to the third and fourth place finishes that Rolph suffered behind Chinese swimmers while nursing a heavy cold in Beijing in January.

Meissner's worst finish was second place. In hindsight, Rolph would have been wiser to have opted to compete at the Canadian round of the cup instead of Beijing, but then World Cup rules do not allow entries to be switched.

As such, Rolph collected the £3,300 runner-up prize, against Meissner's £6,500, but considered herself the better swimmer beyond the eccentricities of the scoring system.

Slough fail to disrupt Reading use home advantage notaer's march to title

RUSSELSHEIMER ruined Slough's hopes of breaking their stranglehold on the event when they cruised to their sixth successive title with a comfortable 7-1 win in the final of the European indoor chamnionship in Classon wes-

terday (Cathy Harris writes). Although the result was emphasic, Slough turned in a gritty performance and were rarely outplayed. The differ ence was in the superior skill and quality of the finishing. with Russelsheimer racing to a 40 lead before Sarah Kellcher made it 4-1 at half-time.

Slough's tentative display in the semi-final against Siauliai, the Lithuanian champions - where they were forced to recover from a 2-0 deficit before winning 42 - did not bode well. With a squad of only nine fit players, the rigours of the tournament were bound to take their toll on the likes of Mandy Nicholson, Sue Chandier, Kelleber and Jane Smith, the competi-

tion's leading goalscorer, Britta Berker, the Russelsheimer captain, scored twice along with Tania Dickenscheid

In the women's National League premier division, Doneaster, who sit at the bottom of the table, caused the first big upset of the season when they defeated the depleted leaders. Ipswich. First-half goals by Sally Wright and Carol Savage and a penalty-corner goal six minutes from time, from Claire Ferguson, steered Doncaster to victory.

HOCKEY

READING responded to their home supporters yesterday by shooting their way to a 5-2 victory over Canterbury and a place in the semi-finals of the EHA Cup.

Humphries had Reading's lead to 3-1 early in the second half, but two quick goals by Briscoe and Pearn restored their superiority. The absence of Hacker, through injury, made a big difference Canterbury who lacked inspiration in their midfield.

Before they could settle down they were two goals down, Barnes, from a short corner, and Loose scoring for Reading. Then, two minutes before the interval, their plight worsened when converted a penalty stroke. A goal from a short corner by Mathews just before the end

By Sydney Friskin

was small consolation for Canterbury. Cannock. secured their place in the last

four with a 43 home win over Lewes, of the first division. Edwards scored two goals from short corners Cannock and Waters hit the target twice for Lewes from

A goal by Thompson in the last minute from a short enabled Loughtonians defeat Teddington 3-2. He had scored earlier to add to the first goal by Scott Smith. Wallis scored both goals for Teddington.

The final place in the semi-finals was taken by Southgate with an 8-3 victory over Hounslow, who trailed 7-1 at half-time. Grice was the only player to score twice for Southgate, but he could have been joined by Kwan Browne, of Trinidad, who missed a penalty stroke after scoring in the eighth minute.

It was a disappointing weekend for Canterbury who dropped from second to third position in the National League premier division after 3-3 draw at home against Hounslow on Saturday.

Reading were out-gunned by Cannock, who, despite the absence of Crutchley, their injured sharp-shooter, went away with a 2-0 victory with goals by Pidcock and Hughes-Rowlands.



FA Carling Premiership: Charlton frustrated by inability to steal a march on bottom club

Kidd faces up to novel predicament

WHEN Brian Kidd. the Blackburn Rovers manager, was the assistant manager at Old Trafford, he knew that the buck stopped with Alex Ferguson. Now Kidd is a manager in his own right, and it is up to him to deal with all the usual problems of injury, suspension and loss of form. as well as one that Ferguson did not have to face — the fear of relegation.

On Saturday, Blackburn dropped back into the bottom three of the FA Carling Premiership, and their third defeat in 11 league games since Kidd took over contained some worrying elements. Against a West Ham United team whose recent record was little better than theirs. Rovers were awful in the first half - in Kidd's own words, cautious and apprehensive - and unlucky in the second. Add a long injury list and you have an ominous combination. Or do you? "If I didn't know

the problems, then I would have a problem," Kidd said, "but I've identified them. At the moment, it's out of my control. It's a crippling injury situation, plus the disciplinary record has been poor."
On Saturday, absences forced Kidd to field a team

which, he admitted, included a number of square pegs in round holes, in a formation that handed the home team the freedom of the wings, which became evident when Paolo Di Canio crossed for Ian Pearce to head the opening goal after 28 minutes. Without Billy McKinlay

and Garry Flitcroft, the Blackburn midfield also allowed Eyal Berkovic too much leeway, and he took a return pass from Frank Lampard four minutes later before tecing up Di Canio for his first goal since joining West Ham. Rovers staged a second-half rally, but a combination of poor finishing from Ashley



Ward and excellent saves by Shaka Hislop allowed West Ham to hold out and claim sixth place in the table, Eighteenth place is unfamil-iar territory for Kidd, but he

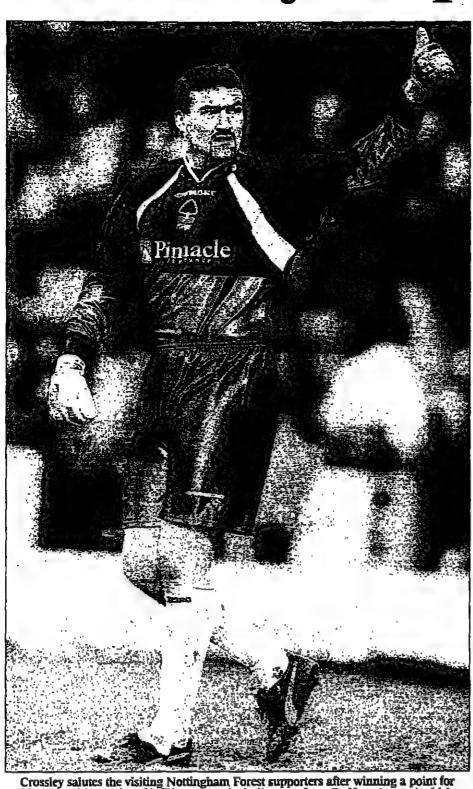
believes that he can deal with the predicament. "Working under Alex Ferguson, I've seen pressure situations," he said. "We've had a tough two weeks game-wise; prior to that, we've done OK. It isn't all doom and gloom," Nor does pressure to replace injured players with stop-gap signings, a solution he rejects on principle, although it leaves unanswered the question of the yawning gap in central midfield.

Harry Redknapp, the West Ham manager, expressed surprise at Blackburn's position, but preferred to enthuse over the performance of his own team. "When you have got people like Berkovic and Di Canio, and you get into good movement and passing, and a few things are coming off, little flicks and onetwos, I think they enjoy it." Redknapp said. With half a squad on the treatment table and very little coming off. Kidd might have pointed out that it is not so much fun.

WEST HAM UNITED (3-5-2) 8 Histop — I Pearce, R Ferdinand, S Polts — S Lomac, E Berlichte, P Di Camo BLACKBURIN ROVERS (4-3-1-2), J Flan — J McAteer, D Peacock, M Broomes, C Deviction — K Gillespe, D Durin (sub' G Croft, 68mm), J Wilcox (sub D Durf, 52) — M Jansen (aub K Danes, 50) — A Ward, N







Crossley salutes the visiting Nottingham Forest supporters after winning a point for his team with a series of brilliant saves, including one from Redfearn's penalty kick

SOMETIMES, the scoreline lies. At a glance you might assume this was a pit of gloom or that Charton Athletic and or that Charlton Athletic and Nottingham forest were equal in relegation mediocrity. Not true: Charlton are better than that. The people of SE7 still exude a joy at being back in their cavernous home, and on Saturday, a light with sunshine. The Valley vibrated to the sound of samba and steel bands and was filled by faces painted red, white and black in response to their club's sixth annual anti-racist day.

Here, not far from where Stephen Lawrence was murdered, was sport in a broader perspective. As the music played, colour came back into a career once thought lost to

a career once thought lost to a career once thought lost to fearful injury. Mark Crossley learnt at a 1245pm that his day had come. Almost two years after he last played in the FA Carling Premiership, after a double hernia, a back ailment and then the reliable form of his replacement, crossley heard his hanne first on the ley heard his name first on the Forest teamsheet. Approaching 30, he may be, but nerves

set in.

Across the dressing-room the looming figure of Dave Beasant, Forest's first-choice goalkeeper last season and this, came towards him. "Dave said we shouldn't let this come between us," Crossley said, "he said we have such a good relationship, there are no hard feelings whatsoever."

Crossley stepped into a team

Crossley stepped into a team that had confeded 13 goals in three matches, and put a stop to that. The defence, still, was porous, the entire Forest side was overrun and Crossley admitted it is more likely to be relegated than not. Yet with five magnificent saves, and a penalty stop to boot, Crossley defied Chariton single-handedly. Stretching high, swooping low, obviously agile and seemingly calm, he is again an athlete without pain and without doubt that he can stand tall before a full house.

Indeed, because of him. Charlton's home became the valley of frustration. The goalkeeper, abetted by woeful missed opportunities, could



CHARLTON NOTTINGHAM FOREST ... by Rob Hughes

final reckoning. Their spirit is extraordinary, their own defence unbreached during February. But they are with-out a home game for five weeks, in part because the Tottenham Hotspur fixture is postponed because of the Worthington Cup final, and how much better it would have been to travel after an emphat-

ic victory.

The penalty in the 70th minute crystallised what happened. John Robinson, one of any number of red-shirted Charlton players working like anis to try to break the dead-lock, was bodychecked by Ste-ve Chettle just inside the penalty area. Redfearn did what he has done 39 times, placed the ball on the penalty spot and hit

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it. But Crossley is not entirely a novice against penalties. He is the only man ever to stop a Matthew Le Tissier penalty, he is the goalkeeper who stopped Gary Lineker from the penalty spot during the

1991 FA Cup Final. He reads the signs, makes up his mind, and throws himself on fortune.

"I always guess with penal-ties," he said. "With a right-footed player [like Redfearn] it's likely that he will try to put the ball across the keeper, so I went that way." He hurled his 6ft, 15-stone plus frame low to his right and, because Redfearn's shot was accurate but tentative, the save was easier than Crossley's dive to a simi-

when Redfearn, this time uncharacteristically with his left boot, was repelled by the finger tips of the goalkeeper's

glove. Redfearn was one of two Charlton players who could have had a hat-trick. The other was Martin Pringle, the former military man from Sweden whose elusive front-running and deft touch have given Chariton new options given Chariton new options and new hope. On Saturday, however, Pringle miscued a gaping chance after four minutes and never regained composure. Pringle wants a permanent home rather than the Kent hotel room that he shares with his wife and fourweek-old son, Hugo.

What was surprising was that a fellow guest at the hotel, John Barnes, was at not invited to show whether his flair could be decisive. The former Newcastle United and Liverpool player got no closer than the warm-up track, and may as well have spent the afternoon babysitting for the Pringles, a role he has volunteered on the lonely nights in Bexleyheath. But while Forest - with Steve Stone and Pierre van Hooijdonk no better than the team they seek to abandon brought just one save from Simon Royce, Alan Curbish-ley, the Charlton manager, said: "The team was playing well, and I didn't need to change things and risk getting

Caution, in the end, weighed on Charlton. What Ron Atkinson, the Forest Messiah, thought, we may never know. A manager built by public image. Big Ron shunned the obligation to face the media. It left Crossley, a Forest man from his schooldays, saying: "Even if we go down, my ambition is to stay in the team, and grab my Weish place back. It's great to be fit and to get the chance." CHARLTON ATHLETEC (3-5-2): S Royce — D Mris, S Brown, C Tier — J Robinson, M Kinselia, N Redikam, K Jones, C Powel — A Hunt (sub C Mendonca, 73mm), M



Di Canio joyfully celebrates his first goal for West Ham

Gascoigne dims memory with secondary role

THE only two things that can Post Office to pick up his about Paul Gascoigne are that (a) he will never again be the player he once was, and (b) he never was quite the player he might have been. If Kevin Keegan really is serious about making his first step as England coach a backward one by seeking one last burst of light from a faded star, then he might just as well go the whole hog and ask Sir Bobby Charlton to get his boots back on. Even as he runs down to the

as much chance of recreating one of those trademark, body swerving bursts away from an opponent and into scoring range as Gascoigne does today. The brain may still be able to work out the logistics of such a manoeuvre, but the legs and lungs are incapable of carrying it out.

Gascoigne has, by all accounts, been playing tolerably well of late in a Middlesbrough team that is collectivesuffering from a terminal shortage of confidence, goals, points and, on this occasion. luck. But his contribution at Hillsborough was restricted to a handful of short and safe passes - and not even all of



them were successful - an ambitious volley that almost cleared the Kop, a pointed disagreement with a colleague and a booking, his twelfth of the season, for an early (tenthminute), late (as in the ball had

on Sonner. In short, it was a for Europe? No chance, any one of a number of mid-field journeymen from any division he fancies and be guaranteed much the same level of performance without the risk of a red card.

Bryan Robson, the Middlesbrough manager, defended his man, ciding a sore knee and over-asalous refereeing. but was forced to confess that he had taken Gascoigne off at half-time to avoid Mike Riley, the Leeds official, doing the job for him. Nor did he argue the point that Middlesbrough were an immeasurably better team for Gascoigne's

departure So, if not Gazza for Eng-

form that has taken them into the top half of the table. For 20 invigorating minutes, during which Carbone was wonderfully inventive and Rudi a particular menace on the left wing, they looked like a team

blending nicely. In the end, though, they were flattered by the victory. never mind the margin of it. Booth's near-post finish was scant reward for Wednesday's early supremacy, but Middles-brough would have been at least level by half-time had Beck not been spectacularly denied by Pressman, then missed a sitter of a volley, and had Pallister not found the bar

Three goals in as many the points in favour of the home team: Sonner broke Middlesbrough's stranglehold by meeting Jonk's cross with the header it deserved, Mustoe scampered through to reply. then Booth headed in Rudi's free kick from close range. Gascoigne later found his way to the players' lounge. The route to Wembley and Poland on March 27 should be cordoned off.

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well-being can be found outside its ground on match day. Supporters mill around in anticipation, street traders

sell their wares with ease and the ticket touts have a spring in their step. Everyone wants a piece of the action; success on the pitch breeds success

On Saturday afternoon, Tottenham High Road was alive. "Wembley 99" banners and T-shirts were all the rage and the banter flowed and glowed in the direction of George Graham, the former demon of Arsenal but now saviour of White Hart Lane. Tottenham Hotspur had reached the final of the Worthington Cup, the quarter-finals of the FA Cup and were undefeated in 14 matches. Long gone were the dour, dis-mal days of Gerry Francis and Christian Gross - Graham's predecessors - the players had rediscovered their zest for life and the fans were no longer

disenchanted. It took only 30 minutes of an essentially lifeless first half for reality to kick in Tottenham had, unconvincingly, dominated a tepid FA Carling Premiership encounter with Derby County and Graham, seated in his directors' box ey-rie, had had enough. Hardly had he arrived in the dugout before he was urging the slackers on to greater effort and

goading his troops into the firing line. Fifty-six seconds into the second half, the Tottenham of old - lazy minds, poor concentration, slack marking returned to haunt them. Dorigo's quick free kick was nodded on by Wanchope for Burton to slide the ball home from close range. Graham's renowned powers of organisation and motivation appeared to have fallen on deaf ears.

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Only then did his play-ers respond, with Freund flinging him-self dervish-like into

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cross and also did well to push Anderton's piledriver on to the crossbar. He could do nothing, though, to prevent the equaliser, when Dominguez, the substitute, released Sherwood to conjure a precisely measured shot. The real Tu-tenham, under Graham, had finally emerged and they could have won in a frenzied, often bizarre, conclusion. As Tottenham battered away at the Derby goal, Burton was booked for failing to leave the pitch to remove his dangling neck chain and Edinburgh was sent off for his second bookable offence, a mistimed tackle on Harper. Perhaps Wan chope should have gone, too, for his

lunge at Taricco.
The jigsaw is taking shape and ar other piece will be slotted into place to morrow when Siewart Houston, Gra ham's former assistant at Highbury leaves Ipswich Town to join him. Chris Hughton, having diligently worked his way up to No 2 over a period of six years, will return to the shadows as just another coach. He put on a brave face. "George and Stewart had an excellent parmership and I'm looking forward to working with them," he said. TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR (4-4-2) | Walker — M Talcoo, R Vega, S Campbell, J Edinburgh — D Andonor, S Freund, T Shewood, D Ginola — S Ivansen, C Amstrong (sub J Dominguez, Strain)

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with a thumping header. Influence of Graham Jeffers shows Smith he fails to inspire victory is man enough for task

FRANCIS JEFFERS is bony of body but stony of mind. At the age of 18, when nature and a selection of gym equipment has had little time to carve out a physique that can repel the defensive warhorses of the FA Carling Premiership, it is the mental prowess that separates growing men from the

boys. That is why Everton, despite all their cautionary tales, believe Jeffers is a special player. Jeffers's education in the game developed from a hero-worship of Andy Gray, the former Everton striker, even though he was only four when Gray last kicked a ball for the club, to shining at the Football Association's School of Excellence at Lilleshall. Goals have flowed at all levels but, such has been the chronic state of Everton this season that, Walter Smith, the

manager, has tried to protect Jeffers

from the depression surrounding the

It required, therefore, words rather than actions for Smith to give in to temptation. Initially, Smith, who only joined Everton last summer, was told by the staff at the club, who had seen Jeffers progress, that "young Francis could handle the pressures of the first team". From Jeffers himself came confirmation that he was ready. "I've played in front of 70,000 people for England schoolboys in Germany, so I didn't see why 35,000 at Goodison would be such a problem," he said.

And so it has proved. He scored his first league goal against Wimbledon on Saturday, a neat header to earn his team-mates a valuable point as their attempt to climb clear of relegation trouble continued Danny Cadamarteri, Jeffers's teenage strike partner,



the goal and deserves special praise. For it was Cadamarteri who embraced the physical duties that Jeffers, to an extent, had to negate. Smith commended

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the pair's contribution to the afternoon, but he is not a man to over-indulge. "Young players are a surprise for people," Smith wrote in the match programme. "In the weeks to come. Francis will face dif-

ferent defenders who will set different challenges for him." Smith will be grateful when Hutchison returns from practical when reducing the can persuade Kevin Campbell, from Trabzonspur, or Michael Mols, a striker from Holland, to sign for the club. However, in response to Smith's wariness, Jeffers's mature attitude is

evident once again. "All I wanted was a chance." he said. "I'm not going to be a hero at 18. I'm confident in my ability, but I will never forget where I have come from, or where I'm at now." Dave Watson, the Everton defender,

misjudged a ball that caught in the wind to allow Efan Ekoku to open the scoring for Wimbledon after 14 minutes for the visitors' first goal in six

Thereafter, their paucity of ideas suggested there could be another long wait until the next one. Instead, it was Everton who pressed for a winner, and could have had a penalty when Hughes appeared to trip Branch, the home side's substitute.

EVERTON (4-4-2), T.Mytre — D.Werr, D.Watson, M.Materazz, D.Unsworth — J.Oster (auto M.Branch, 81mm), O. Decourt, M. Ball, N. Berminby — D. Cadamanter, F. Jeffers

WIMBLEDON (4-4-2). N Sultivan — K. Customoham, C. Perry, D Blackwell, S. Thatcher — J Sueli I sub: N Andley, 32). A Roberts, R Earls, M Hughes — E Broku, M Gayle.

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Hamann breaks Arsenal's cover



UNITED

by Kevin McCarra

BAD timing like a change in the weather, can turn an appealing jaunt into a treacherous journey. In previous days, progress might have been comfortable, but Arsenal, despite taking the lead, were unable to make their way through to victory yesterday against a Newcas-tle United side that is growing in resourcefulness.

Arsenal, seven points behind Manchester United in the FA Carling Premiership, may even come to see this as a day when the itinerary of their intended trek towards the title was disrupted and will think wistfully of occasions earlier in the season when such as West Ham United and Leeds United sauntered to St James' Park and amused themselves by administering a pasting.

Since then, the ground has ceased to be an amusement parlour for the day-trippers. Ruud Gullit has pieced together a team that functions more fluently. It would be idle to pretend that he is in anything more than the early stages of overhaul and there were spells yesterday when Newcastle looked uneasy. Yet they never capitulated and newcomers such as Didier Domi have brought a solidity that foiled Arsenal's efforts to take decisive control.

Even more importantly, Newcastle, when the propects appear dreary, have the potential for effervescence, as they had shown when conjuring a fine goal to knock Blackburn Rovers out of the FA Cup last week. They tapped this resource against Arsenal when Temuri Ketsbaia, a substitute, fed Dietmar Hamann in the 77th minute. The Germany midfield player strode on to weave his way into the cluster at the centre of the Arsenal defence. This is a course that is usually about as safe as sprinting into the midst of a motorway.



Anelka, who had been put clear by Bergkamp, strides past Given, the Newcastle goalkeeper, to put Arsenal ahead at St James' Park. Photograph: Ross Kinnaird/Allsport

mown down and kept his balance to stab a controlled shot into the corner of the net. It was a breakthrough that also smashed the highly familiar shape that the game had been assuming. Were it not for that inspired intervention, this would have been the most old-fashioned of Arsenal successes. In the gap between Newcastle's bright opening and the equaliser, Arsene Wenger's side had plied their trade with dead-

Arsenal, above all, are the team to fasten mercilessly on to a small advantage, for the champions are famous for the relish they take in a close contest. For them, the satisfaction inherent in a narrow win would have been as great as that of any rout. No matter what other ren-

Alan Shearer cheerfully ex-changed thumps with his England team-mates, but the resistance of Tony Adams and Martin Keown is not to be broken down by meaty blows. In the end, guile was to prove their undoing and, by that late stage, artifice was not expected to make an appearance.

It was not always the players' fault that the action, which saw Remi Garde taken off on a stretcher

off in the fourth minute following a challenge by Solano was a matter of bump and bruise. A soft, abrad-

The resilient aspect of Arsenal was highlighted by Patrick Vieira, the sentinel in midfield, whose guard duty still allowed him time off for bouts of definess. In the twentieth minute, he turned near his own corner flag to detach himself from Brady and embark on a loping surge before supplying Nicolas Anelka, who sent Overmars through with a flick.

Newcastle could not stop Arsenal then, but Mike Reed, the referee, did, deciding that Anelka had been fouled by Nikolaos Dabizas and de-36th minute. Both of Newcastle's centre backs were at fault, with Steve Howey fluffing a clearance to Bergkamp and Dabizas failing to intercept the pass from the Dutchman that sent Anelka clear to drift

stride to the byline and deliver the ideal, low cross to the back post. Shearer waited there and looked almost nonchalant as he thrust out his right foot to nudge the ball home. Somehow, he made no con-

Newcastle continue to have sever-al faults, but, under Gullit, enough talent has been amassed to ensure that, on days like this, they can atone for them.

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ovations have been undertaken by ed surface made the ball a bit of a clining to play the blatant advan-tage. Even so, Gullit's side were not Wenger at Highbury, that trait has suck-in-the-mud and, as the passes been preserved with a conservationrefused to roll, a static game joined the players together through tugs to be saved from themselves in the tact at all.

round Shay Given to finish. The episode left Newcastle with an acrid taste, but there had been sourness in their mouths for a while. In the 29th minute, Solano

> Instead, Aloisi reacted smartly when Southgate lost his balance to volley in a free kick by Proggatt in the 72nd minute and Boateng completed the victory by lobbing Oakes as the goalkeeper tried to out a mrough McAllister. A serious ankle injury

to Watson and a muted display by

Dublin compounded the difficul-

ties facing Gregory. Strachan has a happier problem in how to accommodate the predatory Aloisi when Whelan recovers firness. "Huckerby and Whelan want to play good football and like scoring goals, but Aloisi is just desperate to score goals," Strachan said. Other defences will offer the Australia striker less assistance.

ASTON VILLA (4-4-2): M Celess — 8 Watson (autr G Barry, 45min), R Scrinsca, G Southgale, A Winghi — P Merson, S Grayson, I Taylor (sub; M Draper, 28; sub; S Collymore, 60), L Henchte — D Dubin, J Joschim.
COVENTRY CITY (4-4-2): M Hedman — R Nisson, R Shaw, P Williams, D Burrows — G Boaleng, P Teller, G McCRieter, S Froggatt — D Huckeby (sub; G McCRietery, 90), J Afost Reference U Renne.

EVEN as they sat six points clear at the top of the FA Carling Premiership earlier in the season the feeling remained that Aston Villa would slip behind the true championship contenders come Gregory, the manager, expected such a steep decline and fall.

Gregory was merely stating what has become glaringly apparent when he effectively conceded defeat in the challenge for the title after a shocking reverse on Satur-day. There might have been a hint of exaggeration when he declared the performance as the "worst of my life as a player or a manager". but not of his candid assessment of Villa's present situation. "We are in deep trouble," he said, or words to that effect.

If Leeds United beat Leicester City tonight then Villa will slip to fifth place, their lowest position of the season. But regardless of the result at Filhert Street, self-belief is

Gregory reconciled to failure

place in the Ucfa Cup, the worstcase scenario until recently, must now be considered uncertain.

While Coventry City played with the passion and purpose usually reserved for the last game of the campaign, when their status hinges on the result, they were ushered to a first league win at Villa Park as smoothly as guests at a wedding. Flimsy both in defence and midfield, Villa stood uneasily in a linear 4-4-2 formation that saw Hendrie and Merson confined to the flanks and the full backs offering little support.
"I saw things which confirmed

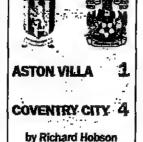
my worst fears about certain players," Gregory said. "There are a lot of injuries and not much confi-

you dow it als gowi those are excuses not reasons. I have not dealt with matters too well so I'm facing a huge test myself. But I am a good manager, and I intend to do somethine."

Although he suggested that movement in the transfer market represented the easy option, it is one that he is Celtic defender, remains a target, likely to take. "We should have gone and spent another £10 million on players to strengthen the squad. Failure to land the

Juninho deal was a huge disap-

pointment," he added.



considering Gregory as a replacement for Arrigo Sacchi, sacked as the coach last week, has arrived at a convenient time for the manager as he seeks support from the boardroom before the transfer deadline next month. Alan Stubbs, the

but whether Stubbs can provide the strength of the injured Ugo Ehiogu is a moot point. It is difficult to imagine the robust Ehiogu being muscled out

of the challenges that led to the

Aloisi rumed anead of Scimeca before angling his low shot across Oakes. Then, five minutes into the second half, Scimeca again allowed himself to be beaten by Boateng, who scored at the near post.

By this time Boateng had secured a firm grip in midfield to complement the craft of McAllister and endeavour of Telfer, Coventry could consider themselves unfortunate that Uriah Rennie, the referee, deemed a challenge by Shaw on Joachim worthy of a penalty, and if Dublin had scored from close range four minutes af-ter converting from the spot then Gordon Strachan, the manager, might have spoken more caustically about the decision afterwards.

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shadowed

an otherwise forgettable en-

counter between these clubs

last October. When Tony

Cottee earned Leicester City

a I-0 win at Elland Road

the odds on Martin O'Neill

replacing George Graham shortened.

before O'Neill finally rejected the overtures from

Elland Road and David

O'Leary accepted the post.

Leicester supporters danced

in the streets, while at Leeds

they reserved judgment.

Half a season later, the ver-

dict on O'Leary could hard-

ly be more favourable. Victory against a Leicester

side without a win in six

league games tonight will lift Leeds into fourth place

in the FA Carling Premier-

ship and raise hopes for a

Ueta Cup place next season.

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Some three weeks passed

Speculation next manage er of Leeds United over-

LEICESTER CITY LEEDS UNITED

Africa at 6am this morning, will play his second game in three days, having appeared for his country against Gabon on Saturday, but Woodgate is suspended. O'Neill recalls Cottee, while Heskey is expected to have recovered from a back problem. LEICESTER CTTY (poseible: 3-6-2) Keiler — P Kaamark, M Elliott, Ulliathome — F Sinctar, T Zagorakis, Lannon, M Izzet, S Guppy — A Cottee Hestery

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Beckham rises above United's indifference



UNITED SOUTHAMPTON 2

by Kevin McCarra

PRE-MATCH entertainment is good for business only because it sends many supporters fleeing for the snack bar. The crowd actually stayed and grumbled in its seats at Old Trafford, but could not have mistaken the fact that this fixture was a desultory preliminary to the real event. Ryan Giggs, Dwight Yorke and the rest were a warm-up act for themselves. They did no more than kindle interest in a performance of, one hopes, far greater dimensions that they will give against Internazionale in the home leg of the European Cup quarter-final on Wednesday.

There is more often a glint than a twinkle in the eye of Alex Ferguson, the manager, and he did not consider the long listlessness pardonable. One figure met his standard. While others took the field yet excused themselves duty. David Beckham's desire to make passes was never sat-ed. Every move that brought or promised a goal had a contribution from Beckham embedded within it.

There was nothing statuesque in his display, no inclination to con-tent himself with striking long balls from deep positions. He often ran hard at Southampton and, in an undistinguished match, the loss of him would have been intolerable. Even the referee was, rightly, solicitous of his welfare. When Beckham was brought down by Patrick Colleter. Peter Jones was as eager to calm the midfield player as he was to book the Frenchman.

After his dismissal against Argentina at the 1998 World Cup, there has been a contrived yet persistent bostility towards Beckham from the fans of other clubs. It may be that, as a riposte, he has learnt to apply his skills with greater concentration than ever. Even Ferguson, who was otherwise in no mood for plaudits, said: "He has been magnificent for us this season."

In the game with Inter, Beckham will face Diego Simeone, the man against whom he retaliated to earn that red card at the World Cup. On Saturday, however, United eventually demonstrated that the excitement of their European Cup can paign will spring from more than the melodrama of one man's life. Having tried to rest some important members of the team, Ferguson found that the competence of the visiting team compelled him to reinstate them as substitutes.

SOUTHAMPTON, surprisingly confident at a ground where they have now lost ten matches in a row, kept possession well in the first half, even if they fashioned virtually no chances. Beckham set un Yorke and Giggs for headers that were blocked on the goal-line, but United's discontent grew and Roy Keane was brought on to generale the pace that had been lacking in the build-up.

The erosion of Southampton was under way and they also lost Ken Monkou with a hamstring injury. In the 79th minute, Beckham's corner was nodded back by Henning Berg. laid-off by Yorke and finished with the low shot from Keane that deflected from the leg of Colleter. Four minutes later, Beckham barely broke stride as he tamed Denis Irwin's awkward, dropping clearance before striding on to flight the beautiful pass that allowed Yorke to sidestep Paul Jones, the goalkeeper, and increase the lead.

All the same, United should experience a little unease. Once more. they were as unhappy at set-pieces as they have been in the European matches. James Beattie met a corner from Matt Le Tissier, a substitute, and headed against the bar when the game was goalless. In injury time, Le Tissier, unhampered, glanced home Jason Dodd's free kick. A minute earlier, Peter Schmeichel had dived for a Le Tissier shot and spooned the ball to Beattie, who hit the post. There is still remedial work of one sort or another to be done at Old Trafford.

MANCHESTER UNITED (4-4-2): P Schmeichel G Naville H Berg, R Johnsen, P Neville (sub. D Invin, 78mm) — D Beddharn, P Scholes (sub. R Keane, 46), N Bun, R Gross — D Yorke, O G Solsiquer (sub. A Cole, 67)

SOUTHAMPTON (4-4-2): P Jones — J Dodd, K Monkou (sub. F Beneis, 50), C Lundelharn, P Coneter — D Hughes, M Osklay, C Manden, W Bridge — J Beatile, E Osterstad (sub. M Le Tissier, 67)

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- Houllier building on weak foundations

NEXT to Gerard Houllier, Gianluca Vialli, with his penchant for school-uniform colours and jumpers, looks every inch the keen student. But Houllier, while appearing professorial, needs to peek over Vialli's shoulder to discover the formula they are working

to at Stamford Bridge. Chelsea's victory came too easily. Liverpool only applying pressure in the final 20 minutes, and had the visitors secured a draw, no one would

have been fooled. Chelsea should have doubled their goal tally while so evidently on top, but that has been their bugbear all season and still they keep on winning. Liverpool cannot keep on doing anything except bow to the gods of inconsistency. It is not difficult to picture Houllier buried in the bootroom, chalk in one hand, board duster in the other, trying to unearth the formation that will solve the puzzle and unleash on to the FA Carling Premiership a Liverpool side that lives up to its billing.

That is perhaps at the root of the problem. All this fiddling, tweaking and cajoling has to stop. Liverpool should have been rebuilt years ago. possibly twice over since they last won the league title in 1990. Arguably Bill Shankly's decline in the midst of victory of planning beyond the next cup final, the next trophy. Now the opposite is true.

Houllier is clinging on and building around foundations that are just are not strong enough. Both Liverpool and England are suffering because the partnership of Ince and Redknapp in midfield is considered a perfect combination of guile and guts. Well. it ought to be, and on occasion it has been, but their fine performances do not outweigh their disappointing ones. Against Chelsea, Liverpool gave away possession in mid-field and put the defence

CHELSEA LIVERPOOL by Alyson Rudd

under constant pressure Babb and Matteo coped reasonably well and while Kvarme and Bjornebye blundered, struggling to adapt to the 4-4-2 formation forcell on them when Heggern had to be replaced in the ninth minute. the entire back line could argue they had been let down. Houllier has been protective of the team when, on their travels, they have lost ground

-- this was their eighth away

defeat of the season - but on

Saturday he was less inclined

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campaigns are all in robust

Sutton, who would cost

struggle to score goals.

health, despite their apparent

to find excuses. Even so, he restricted his criticism to the niceties rather than the fundamentals. "We build up too slow. What gives fluidity to a game is movement," he said. Some distillusioned supporters might want to see move-ment of a different sort. With only a decent placing in the Premiership to strive for, Liverpool are in danger of becoming insular

obsessed ebbed a touch too early, but you could almost forgive them for believing they had done enough in the first half to win the game.

They rotate much more than just their strike-force at Stamford Bridge. They take it turns to be heroes too. Right now Goldback is the toast of Fulham Road. He and Petrescu enjoyed themselves, ping-ing the ball from wing to wing, leaving the visitors dizzy and disorientated, and from a deep cross by the Ru-

manian, Goldback snatched Chelsea's second goal. "I was unmarked." he admitted. That happens sometimes but why had no one on the Liverpool bench noticed that Goldbaek had been continuously

unmarked and ordered Kvarme to stalk him? Liverpool could have played the misfortune card early on. Babb giving away an early penalty, converted by Leboeuf, after it appeared he was not intentionally han-dling the ball but claiming a foul against him by Flo.

Liverpool created chances

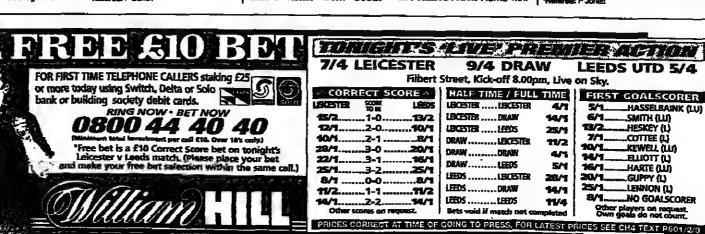
other than the one that led to Owen's goal in the 77th minute, but it is not just Chelsea who have brushed them aside this season. 25ide filis Season.

CHELSEA (4-4-2). E De Goey — A Ferrer, M Desaily. F Leboeuf (sub: B Lambourde, 3amin), G Le Saux (sub: E Newton, 82) — D Petrescu, P D Mettleo, J Morre, B Gordbeak.

— T A Flo (sub: M Forsset, 89), G Zole.

LIVERPOOL. (3-6-2). D James — B T Marme, O Mattleo. P Babb. — V Heggen, (sub: S Micklemmann, 9), J Fleckmapp. Those (sub: J M Femi. 48), P Berger (sub: K Redie 80), S I Bjornebye — M Owen, R Fowler.







Sutton: flattered

Chelsea chase Sutton genuine interest. Chelsea's

HAVING made what appeared to be a tongue-in-cheek approach to Chris Sutton. the Blackburn Rovers forward. Chelsea's interest may be more serious (Alyson Rudd writes). After Blackburn's I-I draw at Stamford Bridge two weeks ago. Suzannah Dwyer, the partner of Ken Bates, the Chelsea chairman, asked

playing for us?"

around £10 million, could make the difference while Tore Andre Flo regains fall fitness and Mikael Forssell, the young Finland forward. learns his trade in the Sutton: "How do you fancy Premiership. "It's flattering when a team like Chelsea What Sution assumed was want you." Sutton said. a joke has now turned into

Nationwide League: Bradford rise while Goldberg's popularity sinks in victory

Jewell revels in thrill of the chase

Bradford City.....1
West Bromwich Albion.....0

By PAT GIBSON

CRAZY. Paul Jewell, the Bradford City manager, called it. Strange. Denis Smith, his West Bromwich Albion counterpart, concurred. They were talking about the Nationwide League first division in which no fewer than eleven clubs are still clinging to the hope that they can join Sunderland, the runaway leaders, in the FA Carling Premiership next

Jewell's remark was prompted by the news of Bolton Wanderers' 3-1 home defeat by the bottom club, Crewe Alexandra, which had allowed Bradford to sneak back into the

Results and tables..... Lynne Truss.

second automatic promotion position, behind Sunderland. That sort of thing can happen in this division." he said.

Smith's comment was in support of his contention that West Bromwich can still win a place in the play-offs, despite the fact that they have now taken only one point from their past four games and dropped

"Everybody is beating one another." he said. "We've had a bad month and it's not done us the world of good. It has made life extremely difficult. but it isn't over yet. I've just told my players that it's only March. The season finishes in

Bradford did not need reminding of that but there is a growing belief at Valley Parade that they are on their way back to the top division of English football for the first time since the 1921-22 season.

They have been beaten only once in their past 13 league games and Jewell reflected his pleasure in the way they are churning out results in his chipper. Scouse way. "I'm

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glad we're out of our slump." he said. "Two draws and a victory. Terrible."

Bradford still have a long way to go if they are to compete on a regular basis with the club that was relegated with them 77 years ago - it just happened to be Manchester United - but, on Saturday, they showed a similar facility

for wirning games without playing as fluently as they can.
There were valid reasons for that. They were without the influential Beagrie on the left because of injury and when their other winger, Lawrence, went off in the 17th minute with a bad back, they had to split their prolific striking part-nership of Mills and Blake to retain their shape.

There was an unexpected

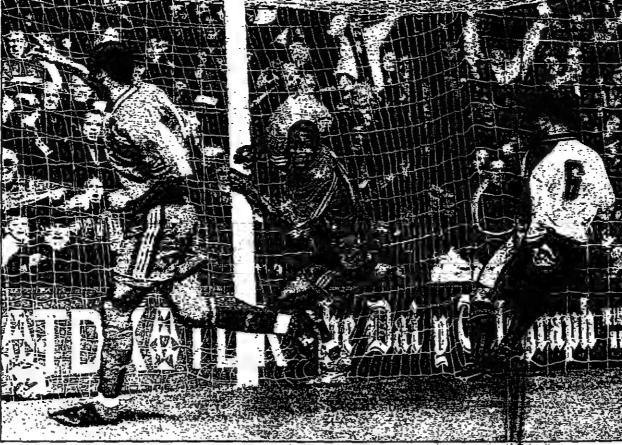
however. Jewell pushed Jacobs, normally a left back, into a left-sided midfield position in place of Beagrie and was able to claim afterwards, albeit with tongue firmly in cheek, "an inspired change of tactics by the manager. I always knew he could play left wing."

Apart from that, Jacobs

scored the goal, after only two minutes, to upset West Bromwich's pre-match plan to pack their midfield in order to make themselves more solid in defence. Sneekes conceded a foul on the right and, when Whalley's free kick was headed out, Jacobs's shot was deflected past a wrong-footed Whitehead

Bradford seemed to have scored a second goal in the 25th minute when Mills turned in Rankin's low cross, but it was belatedly ruled out for offside and, for all the excellence of McCall and Whalley in midfield, their nerves were beginning to fray when Rankin squandered two second-half chances.

BRADFORD CITY (44-2) G Walsh — A O Brien D Moore, A Wassimod (sub J Dreyst, 84 mrs), L Todd — J Lawrence (sub i Rankin, 17 mrs), S McCall, G Whalley, W Jacobs — R Blake L Mills West Bromwich Albion (4-5-1): P Witnehead — P Holmet, S Muchy D Bur-gess J Van Bieck — M Angel, M Borokset, Gub P Rawn, 87. J Christop F De Fred-16, 60) R Sneakes, k Kilbane — L Hughes



Mullins, left, turns away in celebration with Morrison, centre, after giving Crystal Palace the lead at Selburst Park

BY RUSSELL KEMPSON

MANY Crystal Palace sup-porters travelled to Selhurst Park yesterday with one aim in mind: to heckle Mark Goldberg, the chairman, and voice their dismay at his troubled eight-month stewardship of the Nationwide League first division club. They left, a few disgruntled chants and token protests later, in buoyant mood, having witnessed Palace's first victory since Boxing

The expected mass calling for Goldberg's head did not materialise. The fans' anger may yet resurface, not to mention that of the players. They did not receive their monthly wages on Friday and will wait with trepidation until Wednesday, when Goldberg has promised to pay up from his personal funds. That the value of his shares in his computer company recently slumped from its £10 million "comfort zone" to little more than £2 million does not augur well.

Goldberg remained upbeat amid the discontent. "Maybe my biggest mistake was my

Mullins gives Palace rebels cause to smile

professional job."

ambition," he said. "I thought too big too quickly. I can understand why the fans are angry but it doesn't help to fight with me. It's the time to unite, not fight." Steve Coppell, once again called into the breach after the depar-ture of Terry Venables, the Pal-

ace coach, six weeks ago, has en it all before. "I think it's part of the Palace fans' mentality," he said.
"They love to suffer the torture. I'm just glad we didn't play brilliantly and win 50 because some of my players might have then been sold.
"We had all kinds of

excuses—the strong wind, the state of the pitch, the chair-man's problems and not be-ing paid. I'm just happy we got a scrappy win. The players are philosophical about it all and, in the circumstances,

the swilling gusts neither Pal-ace do Barnsley were able combat the conditions with any degree of success. That 17,000 gans had turned up to cheer, or jeer, said much for their dislike of armchair viewing or perhaps darker, sado-masochistic tendencies.

Coppell was spot on: it was torture. The goal that decided it, in the 25th minute, was ap-propriately scrappy, with Mulins scarrying into the Barus-ley area and attempting to push his shot past Tony Bul-lock, the orrushing goalkeep-er. The ball bobbled at the vi-tal moment over Bullock's prostrate body and trickled into the net for Mullins's third Palace won in ugly fashion but perhaps were due a slice of good fortune. Barnsley, with one eye on their FA Cup quarter-final against Tottenham Hotspur on Saturday, had bardly contributed to an awful spectacle when they experienced a bitman entire of in perienced a bizarre series of ingoal of the season. "I must be the biggest mug in the world," Goldberg said, juries shortly before half-time. Moses was the first to go after colliding with Jones, his team-

"but we've got to stick together and see this through." The three points, bowever ill-deserved, should give him some breathing space. CRYSTAL PALACE (3-8-2); K Maler — G Petric, C Moort, A Linighen — J Smith, S Thomson (sub: S Evens, 58mm), H Mulline, C Foster, Sun Jihal — C Montson, Fan Zhyl

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Francis goes Continental via North Sea

Grimsby Town Birmingham City ...

BY MARTIN WOODS

TREVOR FRANCIS miroduced a little bit of Serie A artistry to the North Sea allorment that is Blundell Park when his Birmingham City side gave a masterclass in the art of defending to erode further the tantalising prospect of Giantica Vialli and company gracing Cleethorpes in the FA Carling

Cleethorpes in the FA Carling Premiership next season.

Every year, the Premiership entertains a club from the wrong side of the tracks before showing it the door. Alan Buckley's Grimsby Town would trump any of the disadvantages held by previous incumbents of the top division's trapdoor. Even among the candidates for a play-off place. Grimsby revel in the role of rank outsiders. However, if points were awarded for a points were awarded for a manager's disarming honesty. automatic promotion would becken. "I thought we were sec-ond best." Buckley said. "They deserved to beat us." Beaten previously only twice at Blundell Park this sea-

son by sides, as Francis pointed out, just departed the Premiership, Grimsby are a formidable proposition at home. so Saturday's 3-0 verdict intimates the growing validity of Birmingham's ciaim on an automatic promotion spot. They are the best I've seen for a

while," Buckley sald.

Birmingham's masterful defence, marshalled by Gary
Rowett, laid the foundation for victory in the first half when they withstood everything Grimsby threw at them before taking the lead nine minutes before the break.

The goal was a reminder of how the Zimbabwe international Peter Ndlovu once illuminated the top flight. Taking possession just outside the right of the Grimsby box, the former Coventry City striker twisted and turned Lever and Smith before unleashing a shot through the crowded area into the right-hand corner of

For all Grimsby's monopoly on possession, their neat, intricate passing game too often foundered on the rock of Rowett and Johnson.

if Grimsby's primary fault was over-elaboration. Bir-mingham derived their ascendancy from concentrated sim-plicity. O'Connor, the captain, and Hyde were instrumental in maintaining their side's ad-varnage as Grimsby redouhied their efforts after the break. However, their pro-perts were undermined as Lever did not reappear and Buck-ley was forced to deploy

Groves, his captain, as a make-shift centre half.

When Hughes dribbled clean through the right side of the home defence before shooting straight at the goalkeeper Davison, a quarter of an hour into the half, it confirmed City's growing sense of superiority. They had drawn Grims-

BOB TAYLOR equalled the all-time goalscoring record for the third division of English football with all five goals as Gillingham demol-ished Burnley 5-0 at Turf Moor. Taylor scored four times in the first half before adding his fifth three minutes after the break.

by's sting and 1-0 was not go-ing to satisfy them. Francis proved his theory

that a spurned striker is a dangerous one five minutes before he end when the substitute, Dele Adebola, turned Smith outside the box before straking the ball wide of the out-stretched Davison. Rowert then rose above the borne defence to head home, like a bullet, Hughes's comer. "We just don't throw a back four together," Francis said. "We do a lot of hard work on the training ground."

GRBMSBY TOWN (44-2): A Davison — J McDermott, R Smith, M Lever (subt: W Burnett, 45min, 7 Gelfendere — K Dansver, 8 Coldicott Issus: T Widdington, 64). P Groves, K Back — L Nogan (sub: D Clare, 48), L Ashcrott, BRHMNGFAM CTY (44-2): K Poole — J Bass, G Rowett, M Johnson, S Charlton (sub: J McCarriny, 78). — M Granger, M O'Connor, G Hyde, B Hughtes — P Furton; (soft N Forster, 89), P Ndlorus (sub: D Adellate).

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Houston leaves Wright on top

Bristol City . lpswich Town.

By DAVID POWELL

mate, and sustaining a gashed bead that required

eight stitches. Appleby, his re-

placement, went seven min-utes later with a suspected cracked pelvis — his fall possi-bly caused by the uneven sur-face — and Sheridan failed to

reappear after the interval be-

cause of a dislocated law. Of

the three, only Moses might recover to play Tottenham.

JUST as surely as Stewart Houston is leaving Ipswich Town, so luck is descriing Bristol City. Bristol had not so much the lion's share of the chances as enough to feed an entire jungle, but Richard Wright, Ipswich's England Under-21 goalkeeper. proved unbeatable.

ipswich moved up one place to third in the Nationwide League first division with their twentieth clean sheet. "How long have we been saying that Richard is the finest young keeper in the country and it was there to be seen again today?" Gepree

Burley, the Ipswich manager, observed. Wright's best moment was a double block from Locke's drive and Akinbiy's follow-up, but he would not be persuade

into admiring his own work. "In trainingevery day we work on things like that." Wright, 21, said. He is sorry to lose Houston, whose last game as coach this was before joining Tottenham Hotspur. "He has been a great influence on me," Wright

Houston is teaming up with George Graham, with whom he had a successful partnership at Arsenal. After the game, when Houston brought the players back out to warm down, they good-naturedly wrestled him to the ground. In return, he left them with a fica in their ear. "Ipswich have to be better on Tuesday against Wat-ford," Houston said. "We cannot go on playing the way we did today."

John Gorman, assistant to the former England coach, Glenn Hoddle, raised speculation that he was to be Houston's successor by his presence in the stands. Asked the question, Burley did not deny it. A 55th-minute goal by Richard Naylor gave Ipswich their thirteenth point from five matches and added to the bad luck be-ing dealt out to Bristol City.

In a bleak February, they have lost to a disputed 89th minute goal against Sunder-land, enjoyed the better of the chances against Queens Park Rangers and Ips-wich, without winning, had three points snatched away from them in the ninetieth minute against West Bromwich Albion, and lost two key players. Tistimetanu and Bell, to injury for the rest of the season.

On Saturday, after the final whistle, a radio commentator suggested that City were not dead and buried yet. After two wins in 18 matches, they are almost being

BRISTON, CTTY (4-4-2): S Philips — L. Czrey, M Shail, V Se-bok, J Brennen — S Andersen, A Locke, R Edwards (sub. M HUI, 76mid), A Brown — A Adrobyt, S Torpey IPSW/ICH TOWN (3-5-2): R Whight — M Thetrs, A Mowbray, —M Yenus — F Winis (sub: M Stockwell, 46), K Dyer, J Magil-ton, M Holand, J Clepham — R Neytor, M Harewood (sub: R Petrs, 82)

promotion drive

Macclesfield Town... Wigan Athletic.....

BY A CORRESPONDENT GIANT strides have been taken by Macclesfield Town over these past two seasons

but a small step backwards seems inevitable now after this latest home defeat that leaves them rooted at the foot of the Nationwide League second division.

Even the Macclesfield faith-

ful, who have followed the dub from the Conference to their present status, appeared to accept that the chill wind blowing across the tiny South Cheshire ground was an ill one. Lack of money and a rise to prominence that has come too quickly was the general opinion.

Despite their position and the state of the Moss Rose pitch. Sammy McIlroy, the Macclesfield manager. manager. remained pragmatic. "The pitch is a disgrace but it's the same for both sides," he said. His task is now to lift his team for the home derby match with Stoke City, another team in poor form, tomorrow.

Macclesfield's performance in the first half was desperate, but the goal by Wigan Athlet-ic that decided the contest was derived from cruel luck. David Lee's sixth-minute floating cross from the right speed on the stiff north-easterly and eluded Ryan Price's frantic efforts to backpedal in time to make the save.

Although the home side rallied after half-time, by then Wigan's defensive lines, ex-pertly shored up by Colin Greenall, their centre back, were well established. Wigan have now lost just

two of their past 21 matches. Financed by David Whelan, the chairman of JJB Sports. they will open next season in a new 30 million stadium and it may yet be a debut in the first division.

If that target is to be attained. Simon Haworth, Wigate's record signing, will surely need to be fully fit to provide impetus to a promotion drive. He joined colleagues who

had not played on Saturday for a gentle jog around the pitch after the match. Since Hawarth, formerly of Coventry City, signed for £600,000 last October, he has been troubled by hamstring problems. Ray Mathias, the Wigan manager, can afford not to rush his return.

MACCESPIELD TOWN (44-2) R Price
— S Higher S Payre, E Sodie, Hingram—
A Beilty (subr D Berday, ESmin) B Sodorfore, N Sorvel (subr G Tombrison, 63), S Davies (subr S Wood, 54) — J Askey, P Malasi WIGAN ATHLETIC (5-3-2): R Cente — C Gradshav, P.McGibbon, C Greenell, S Balm-er, K Starp — D Lee, P Rogers, M O'Neil — S Barton, A Liddell

Wigan maintain Sombre Southend learn facts of life

Cambridge United....

BY ANDY STEPHENS

SOUTHEND United provided proof at the Abbey Stadium on Saturday that statistics are like a bikini. What they reveal is suggestive, but what they conceal is vital. Alvin Martin's side won more corners than Cambridge United, had as many shots on target as them, twice hit the woodwork and created the easiest goalscoring opportunity of the afternoon yet were still soundly beaten.

Cambridge, inspired by those invisible virtues of spirit and self-belief, were good value for their success. They displayed a much more acute killer instinct and, aided by two goals from John Taylor. won comfortably to stay on course for promotion from the Nationwide League third division

Southend should have taken the lead in the 42nd minute, when Unger found himself with only the goalkeeper to beat. He shot feebly wide, though, and his distress was multiplied on the stroke of half-time when Taylor chested down a pass from Martin Butler and hit a 25-yard leftfoot volley that flew inside the

far post.
The visiting team pressed hard for an equaliser in the

were not exactly resting on their laurels and it came as no surprise when Butler, the man of the match, doubled their advantage in the 74th minute. Five minutes later Taylor, in splendid isolation, chipped the advancing Margetson to Chapple

complete the scoring. This victory leaves Cambridge one point behind Cardiff City, the leaders, with the luxury of a game in hand. However, the word promotion is best whispered in the vicinity of Roy McFarland, their manager. "We are still a million miles from the second division," he said. "I believe in the old Liverpool adage of the season not starting until Easter - when you know exactly what you've got to do."

in contrast. Southend, relegated for the past two seasons, languish in eighteenth place. It seems remarkable that it was only three years ago that they were more than holding their own in the first division — winning 3-0 away to Charlton Athletic and doing the double over Leicester City. Those statistics take some swallowing these days.

CAMBRADGE UNITED (4-4-2). A van Heusdan — B Chenery, A Ouncen, M Joseph, J Campbell — N Musice, P Warless, T Benjamin (sub: M Kyt, 87min), J Aghbee — J Taylor (sub: R Walker, 87), M Buller.

SOUTHERD UNITED (5-3-2): M Marget-son — M Beard, M Bootly, B Hurder, R Newman, S Coleman (sub: 7 Ricpeanet, 73).

K Malter, L Unger, S Houghton — B Conlor, N Roseth (sub: A Burns, 73).

bringing their collec-tions to Milan this

onale will be out of town. Ron-

aldo, Roberto Baggio, Youri

Djorkaeff and the rest have

business to attend to in Man-

chester, a million miles from

the carwalks, but anyway, in

italy at least, they have

As they regrouped at their

rural retreat at Appiano

Gentile in the shadow of the

Alps yesterday, Inter were.

busy trying to rid themselves

of the haunting memories of

their dour goalless draw with

Juvenius at the San Siro on

Saturday night so that they

can leave for Manchester

tomorrow with delusions of

optimism. By the end of a

game that was notable only

for its almost continuous

stream of schoolboy errors

and utter lack of invention.

movement and flair, inters

long-suffering supporters were hurling their pro-grammes onto the pitch from

the upper tiers of the stadium.

Camp, they would have waved white handkerchiefs. Their

players tried to put a brave face on it all. They said they

would be a different team in

the first leg of their European

Cup quarter-final at Old Traf-

ford on Wednesday. They said

they were happy with the way they had played against a luveritus side that is itself a

pale imitation of the team that has bestrode the European

game in recent years. The reality, though, is that

their problems are mounting.

They are a cinb close to disar-

ray, teetering on the edge of crisis and lacking direction and helief. Ronaldo, upon whom

they seem to have become de-

pendent in attack, did not even

make the bench on Saturday

By WALTER GAMMIE

THE embrace between Geoff

Chapple, the Kingstonian manager, and Colin Lippian,

the Yeavil Town head coach,

was heartfelt. As manager

Kingstonian ...

if they had been at the Nou

and it is almost inconceivable

that he will start the tie in Man-

chester. This unhappy bunch

of superstars, in short, is exact-

ly what United have been

chance for the side that Alex

Ferguson has built to break

through the psychological bar-

rier of never baving eliminat-

ed a leading European power

from the competition that has

become their obsession. At

last, they are playing another

elite side at exactly the right

left them 13 points adrift of

Lazio, the Serie A leaders, and

languishing in sixth place.

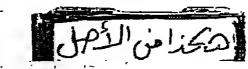
They have won only three of

Chapple gains head start

There will never be a better

waiting for.

already gone out of fashion.



Oliver Holt says Manchester United must exploit fragile opponents

Zamorano, right, the Internazionale forward, receives treatment for a shoulder injury during the dour meeting with Juventus at the San Siro. Photograph: Claudio Villa / Allsport

Inter look designed

for heavy beating

Zamorano charged around to

little effect down the centre.

For all the talk of how Jazo

Stam and Ronny Johnsen would be exposed by the pace of the Italian side, that looks

like cheap talk now that Ronal-

do seems unlikely to feature. If

Stam, as seems probable, recovers from his hamstring

injury, he has nothing to fear

from Zamorano. It was not all

the fault of the attack. They

received precious little service

from a midfield that is high on

attrition but low on creativity.

for his reunion with David

Beckham by kicking Zinedine

Zidane as often as be could but

that was the extent of his con-

tribution. Baggio, as some of

the Juventus players cau-

tioned United after the game.

is always capable of invention and the unexpected and if

there is a danger for Ferguson

it is that Inter can hardly be

any worse than they were in

ssentially. Satur-

Diego Simeone warmed up

their nine games this year,

each against sides struggling

close to the bottom of the table.

They have only won away

from the San Siro twice all sea-

son. They are desperate to

coax Ronaldo back to fitness

after a two-month, absence

nursing his injured knee, but

he only began gentle training

last Wednesday and the most

that Mircea Lucescu, inter's

embattled interim coach, can

hope for is that he might be

able to use him as a substitute

Without the Brazilian, In-

ter's attack lacks a focus for

the intelligent promptings of

Baggio. Djorkaeff hardly got a kick on Saturday, playing

Baggio, as

the Juventus

players said,

is always

capable of

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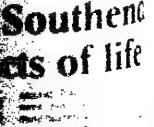
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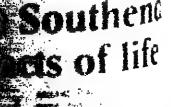
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SNOW REPORTS

and coach, they shared much at Woking, including three was a brilliant free kick and a brilliant header." The winner came as a blind-FA Umbro Trophy triumphs

ing flash of inspiration in a contest full of unyielding de-fending committed work in midfield and a derth of cleanat Wembley, so Chapple shared his old mate's pain after Kingstonian had seized a quarter-final place with a cut chances. Kofi Nyamah swung a curving free kick from the right touchline with late goal at Kingsmeadow on "I thought it was going to be 0-0," Chapple said. "But it his left foot and Simon Stew art timed his run to perfection

to beat Pennock beat Pennock.

Kingstonian's goal came after Leworthy had tarned Hannigan and bounced a shot off the bar. For Yeovil, Pickard got behind the de fence in the first half but failed to make his chances count on a bobbling pitch and Fishlock thumped a secondhalf free kick against the bar.

A sub-plot was supplied by referee D'Urso, who having issued bookings to Patterson, of Kingstonian, and Brown. of Yeovil, first shrank from issoing merited second yellow cards to Patterson and then Brown for late tackles. Consistent, at least.

Chapple has high ambitions. He revealed a plan for a El-million redevelopment to bring Kingsmeadow to Nationwide League standards has council support: Mean-while. Wembley beckons. The Trophy is something you get a taste for," he said. Clive Walker's got four medals - I'd like to emulage that." ALS — I. O. HIKE NO CIDINAGE MIRAL
KIRKESTONIAN (2.5-2) S. Ferriny — S.
SIEMEN, M. CROSSINY, M. Herris — T. Michaela,
K. Patiray, G. Patierson, G. Pfacher, K.
Myarnah — E. Alcampah, D. Leighthy,
YEONE, TOWN (3.5-2); A. Permick, — A. J.
Harnigen, R. Cousins, K. Brown — D. Chander,
Germin, S. Thompson, M. Rishloon — O. Pickard, W. Patricce.
Reference, A. D'Ulso.

Venables is in running says White

NOEL WHITE, chairman of the Football Association's international committee, has left the door open for Terry Venables to return as England coach. Kevin Keegan, caretaker manager of the national side, has insisted he does not want the job full time and will concentrate on trying to take Fulham into the FA Carling Premiership after his fourgame run ends in June.

White is viewed as one of the men behind the departure of Venables from the England job in 1996 and was believed to have been opposed to his return after the dismissal of Glenn Hoddle.

However, White said yester-day: "We will look at certain names put before us and Terry's will almost certainly be among those. I've never queried his coaching qualities and never would. Nobody is saying that Terry Venables will not be the next England coach. He could do a good job."

The FA claimed yesterday it has not been embarrassed by revelations that Keegan has used a faith healer in the past. Hoddle, his predecessor, was heavily criticised for involving Eileen Drewer, a faith healer. with the England squad. The FA is satisfied that Keegan will not involve follow his

example. Steve Double, FA spokesman, said: "Kevin stated publicly the day after he accepted the position that he would not be using faith healers."

day's game was a mid-table struggle that counted for little except northern Italian bragging rights. Neither is going to win the championship; each is pinning their hopes on the European Cup where they will do their utmost to raise their Still, the signs for United are encouraging. If Inter looked sterile going forward,

Contract: Six Hearts by South. Lead: king of diamonds

two or fewer clubs. The solution is to arrange and put in the nine if West plays low, and if East then shows out play on clubs. If West is void you take the king of hearts and continue with a heart from dummy.

Generali European Championships which will be held in Malta at the end of June. The Open team is: John Collings, Martin Jones, Gary Hyett, Alan Mould, Gerald Tredinnick, Stuart Tredinnick,

bridge Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.

WORD-WATCHING

By Philip Howard

HARMONIAN a. A musician

b. A desert heretic c. An instrument JULIENNE

b. To present c. A curved chisel

Wallace grabs hat-trick in Rangers romp

By PHIL GORDON

RANGERS do not do 2nything by halves. They strengthened their grip on the Scottish Premier League by demolishing a Kilmarnock side that had conceded only 15 goals until the encounter last night at Rugby Park. Rod Wallace led the rout to restore his side's ten-point lead over Celtic with a hat-trick, two of which came in the final minutes, along with a sublime finish from Jonatan Johansson.

The early goals from Neil McCann had underlined Kilmarnock's lack of belief, but they chased a consolation and were undone, Johansson's breakaway goal in the 85th minute stretched the margin to three and then Wallace compounded the nightmare with two further late goals.

Eight weeks ago, when the Scottish Premier League broke for its winter shutdown, these two clubs shared the same ambition. However, the hiatus had ruined Kilmarnock's rhythm to the extent that a four-point deficit on the leaders had expanded to 15 points because of a sequence of three games without a win.

In the same period, Rangers took maximum points from four games, scoring 17 goals in the process. Dick Advocaat's team wear the mantle of champions-elect with comfort and underlined the reason why after just five minutes, when they took the lead. The goal owed everything to

Barry Ferguson, the Rangers midfield player, who jumped to his feet after a foul by Baker and sprayed a quick free kick to the right wing to release Andrei Kanchelskis. The Russia player sped away from his pursuers before delivering a low ball across the face of goal, where Neil McCann was on hand to thump it high into the

they stay down and go back to Just six minutes later Kanchelskis left Kilmarnock

chasing shadows again before picking out Stephane Guiv-arch, but his right-foot shot flew just wide of the upright. The home team had been hoping that the skills of lan Durrant, their midfield player, would pose a threat, but he

was anonymous in the open-ing half hour. Indeed, had Tony Vidmar taken advantage of a precise corner from Giovanni van Bronckhorst, then Rangers could have doubled their lead - but he senoned his shot over the bar from six vards out.

Kilmarnock eventually reversed the flow of pressure. but could not create a clear chance for themselves and Stefan Klos, the Rangers goalkeeper, simply did not have a save to ward off the bitter cold.

Gordon Marshall, the Kilmarnock goalkeeper, could not say the same. He was forced to produce a fine stop in the 48th minute, pushing a fierce, dipping shot from Kanchelskis over the bar, after the former Manchester United player had cut inside from the



McCann: opening goal

McCoist and Wright, Kilmarnock's forwards, had both been reduced to spectators by this stage, which perhaps contributed to McCoist squandering a fine opportunity in the 63rd minute to put his side back in contention. A low cross by Burke on the

right begged to be finished. but McCoist, a former Rangers player, struck his shot straight at Klos.

Wallace, McCoist's heir at Rangers, showed how it should be done in the 74th minute as he ruthlessly drove in McCann's cross to double Rangers' advantage.

KELMARNOCK (44-2) G Morshall — S Hambon Isab. A Mochel, Toman, K Nogowie, R Moregomene M Baker — A Sand, 3 Arch (Duran M Rote) — 4 Mo-Cost (sub. M Roberts, Somin). P Wight RANGERS (5-57) SNICE — SPORT (5-50) ENDROSE SELLANDISE TOMBE — A KAMPERS & GIVET BROTHERS JABOR SEM HEROR, TO KAMPERS — RIVELES SIGNATOR

SHEEHAN on BRIDGE

Beckham, if he evades the

clutches of Simeone, should be

able to take advantage of Win-

ter's lack of suitability for the

job, to supply a string of cross-

es for Cole and Dwight Yorke.

Lucescu, a Romanian who is

nicknamed "The Gypsy" by the Italian media because of

his swarthy looks, admitted that his side desperately need

a win as their trials pile up.

This week, it is United; ten

days after, they face the Milan

United must seize their

opportunity. Inter are there to

be taken on Wednesday. By

the return leg, Ronaldo may be back, their morale may

have been repaired. They are

down now and United must

display a streak of ruthless-

ness hitherto unseen to ensure

the city of catwalks in rags.

INTERNAZIONALE (3-4-2-1) G Popluce
— F Colonneso, D Smo, F Galante — J
Zanetti, D Sorteone, B Case, A Wines — Y
Dorkaeff (sub: A Pinta, C Inhan), R Baggo —
I Zamoamo (sub. N Ventola, 69)

JUVENTUS (4-3-1-2. A Penuso — A Saind eti, I Tudor, C Ferrare, 2 Mesovic (sub A D Livio, 89) — A Conta, D Deschapto, E Conta dis — Z 2-dane — J Espader (sub F Inca gh., 60), T Henry (sub D Ferrarea, 75).

By Robert Sheehan, bridge correspondent

This deal involves a slight wrinkle in the well-known safety play in hearts. Plan the play in Six Hearts.

there were also reasons to

hope that United might be

able to exploit some defensive

weaknesses, too, particularly

on the flanks. On the rare occa-

sions when Thierry Henry

summoned the courage to run

at Aron Winter and Javier Zan-

etti, both ill-fitting wing-backs,

they looked distinctly uncom-

fortable. Their performance, even against a Juventus side

that is eighth in Serie A, sug-

gested that they will be vulner-

able to the pace of Andy Cole

and, especially, Ryan Giggs.

Inter needed a fine save from

Gianluca Pagliuca in the

dying seconds to deny Juven-

tus victory after Filippo Inza-

ghi had skipped merrily past

Dealer South	East-West game	Tea
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♦ KQ87 ♣72	s	♦ J10654 ♣ 865
•	A A	-
	♥ AJ8765	
	Q A93	
	♣ 733	

The trump suit has to be played for one loser, and the main problem is to play it in a way to guard against four hearts with either defender. There are various ways of doing that, but starting with the ace is not one of them when you consider the rest of the hand. With the layout above, if West splits his hon-ours when you continue with a low heart towards the nine you have an easy task: discard one diamond on the king of spades and ruff one in the dummy before playing any more trumps, But if West plays a low heart, allowing you to win the nine, you have to go off - whether or not you play a third round of trumps. West will be able to ruff in on the third round of clubs, and another diamond from him beats the contract. Similarly. if West shows out on the first round of heart you are in trouble if East started with

to keep a small trump in dummy. Play a low heart

a. A tart

b. A revolutionary

☐ The BBL have announced the British teams for the 44th

captain: Chris Dixon, coach: The Women's team is: Pat Davies, Nicola Smith, Heather Dhondy, Liz McGowan, Sandra Landy, Abbey Walker, captain: Jimmie Arthur, coach: Phil

King.
The teams are competing for a berth in the World Championships to be held in Bermuda early in 2000.

□ Robert Sheehan writes on

a. An accent b. Sulky c. A chest

HANDSEL a. Gingerbread

Answers on page 46

KEENE on CHESS

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By RAYMOND KEENE CHESS CORRESPONDENT

With the first half of the elite tournament at Linares almost completed. Garry Kasparov has maintained a slight lead over a dangerous pack of pursuing rivals. After six rounds the scores are as follows: Kasparov (Russia) 4; Anand (India) and Kramnik (Russia) 3.5; Adams (England), Svidler (Russia) and Topalov (Bulgaria); Leko (Hungary) 2.5; Ivanchuk

Michael Adams, Britain's representative in the tournament, had a storming start but fell back after a loss to Kasparov (given today) followed by another loss to Kramnik. White: Michael Adams

Black: Garry Kasparov Linares 1999 Sicilian Defence

e4 Nc3 3 g3 4 Bg2 5 d3 6 Be3 7 Nge2 8 h3 9 0-0 Diagram of final position Diagram of final position

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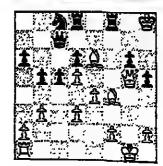
WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene

24 Qd1 25 h5 26 h6 27 Ne6

White to play. This position

is from the game Capece -Astengo, Genau 1998. How did White complete his kingside attack with a fine regrouping manoeuvre?



Anton Willer M. Clakes, A. Wagni, G. Southgate, S. Watson (sub: G. Barry 44mm), R. Someca, I. Taylor (sub: M. Draper 29; sub: S. Cohymore 55), P. Merzon, S. Gravson, L. Haudte, D. Doote, J.

(2) 2 LIVERPOOL Owen 77 34,822

Liverpack: D. James, V. Heggern (sadz. 5. Nachlanamon 9), 8 Kvarine, D. Mageo, P. Rabb, S. I. Bjørnebye, P. Berger (sadz. K Riedle 80), J. Redkwapp, P. Ince (sadz. J. Fern. 48), M. Owins, R. Fowler.

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(1) 2 HUNDERSTIELD (0) 2 Gray 58 Hamilton 90

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SCOTLAND

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FIRST DAYSION

POSTPONED: Cydebank v GK Morton (Pools Panel Verdict: HT Score draw, FT: Away win).

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(1) 4 BRECKEN

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ALBION

Donaldson 12, 49 McStay 73 432

EAST STITLING

MONTHOSE

QUEEN'S PARK P Martin 86

R Hamilton 9 Watters 64 Crarg 71, 84

DONCASTER Duerden 14, 50 Penney 56 (pen)

Selley 73 C Simpson 90 733

Kimmins 78 943

KETTERING Williams 54 2,371

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VERNONS LOTTERY FOOTBALL GAME

RESULTS FROM SATURDAY'S MATCHES: There were nine score draws: Everton v Wimbledon; Tottenham v Derby: Norwich v Shaff Utd; Wolverhampton v Huddersfield; Chesterfield v Man City;

Colchester v Reading: Brentlord v Scarborought. Rochdale v Cardift; Motherwell v Dunfermine. Payouts on eight, seven, six and five score draws. This weeks estimated pay out for: Eight score draws: 2 winners each £28,219. Seven score draws: 34 winners each £452.50. Six score draws: 701

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NON-LEAGUE AND NATIONAL LEAGUES

EVMAN UNIBOND PREMIER DIVISION: Accompton Stanley 2 Spennymor 3; Bamber Bridge 1 Winstord 1; Bishop Audkland 1 Lancaster 1; Chortey 2 Generated 2; Rickley 1 Marine 1; Hydri 3 Guiseley 1; Leigh RMI 3 Bryth Speriant 2; Stalybridge 2 Garrstorough 0; Worksop 2 Rundom 1. Aylesbury 4 Bighap's Stortkard 2; Besingstok 1 Hampton 0; Boreham Wood 0 Billestayy 0 Gravewend 2 Walton and Hentiam 0; Hamov (Blough 2: Purileet 1 Bromley 0; Sutton 2 Aylesbury
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Whitby Town 27 11 10 6 55 43
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Emiley 27 10 10 7 34 30 40
Menine 34 8 15 11 5 95 39
Leigh RM 27 9 11 7 45 40 38
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FRST DMSION: Burton 6 Leatherhead 0; Benkhamsted 0 Yeading 3; Braintne 0 Wernbley 1; Carney Island 2 Croydon 1; Mischerhead 0 Biognor Regis 0; Molesey 0 Romford 1; Odord City 0 Greys 0; Unbridge 5 Whyeleele 0; Worthing 1 Chertey 1. Postported Layton Persant v Staines, Second divisor: Abingdon Town 3 Harbow 2; Berking 1 Thans 7; Challons St Peter 1 Bedford Town 2; Harbow Harrows 2; Legiton 1 Wearnbre 2; Horstein 8 Martow 2; Legiton 1 Wearnbre 2; Horstein 8 Martow 2; Legiton 1 Wearnbre 2; Horstein 3; Northwood 2; Backinet 1; Toding and Mitchen 2; Edyname 1; Windoor and Eon 1 Hungerford 0; Postponed; Bereised v Hertford, Third division: Camberley 3 East Taurook 3; Clapton 0 Chestant 0; Contriben Casuale 2 Facilities Headth 1; Ford 1 Epson and Evel 2; Hornchuch 3 Tring 2; Ringshuy 1 Croydon 0; Lewes 4 Egiram 1; Southell 4 Dorlang 4; Tibury 0 Aweley 1; Wingate and Finching 0 Were 3.

PRST DIMSICINE Altreton 0 Floran 0; Ashton 6 Whitely Bay 3; Burscough 1 Brackerd PA 1; Eastwood Town 2 Raddille 0; Fersley Cellor 2 Congleton 2; Gretne 2 Droyladen 5; Harrogatis Town 1 Hudwall 0; Matlock Town 1 Great Harwood 2; Netherleld Kendal 1 Wilson 0; Trafford 1 Stocksbridge PS II. DR MARTENS

PREMIER DIVISION: Bromagnow 0 Saisbury 2, Dorchester 1 Cambridge City 1; Gloucester 2 King's Lyrar 1; Granthem 3 Rothwell 0; Gressley 2 Atherstons 1; Besston 3 Crawley 1; Merthyr 2 Numesion 1; Tarrworth 1 Hastings 5; Weymouth Q Burton 0; Worcester 3 Hale-soweri 4. PWDLFAPE SOUTH EAST COUNTIES LEAGUE: Fast dis-sion: Barnet 3 Portermouth 3; Cambridge Utd 2 Swindon 3; Colohester Utd 2 Lucho 0; Galloghem (Blourismouth 2; Leyton Oriera; 2 Brentond 0; Oxford Utd 0 Southerst Utd 3; Oxford 1 State 1 Southerst Utd 3; Reading 3 Bristol 1; Wycombe 1 Brighton 0.

FA PREMIER ACADEMY LEAGUE: Under-19:
Chefton 0 CPR 3; Chelses 3 Southwepton 0;
Crew 1 Man Utd 0; Fullram 3 Bristol 1;
Leicester 0 Levels 2; Liverpool 3 Brackoun 2;
Middlestrough 0 Newcastle 2; Notron Forest 4
Derby 0; Sunderland 1 Berneley 1; Totanham 2
Ansenal 2; Wasford 2 Milliand 3; Wast Hern 1
Peterborough 0; Other Mesches Postpored,
Under-17: Blackburn 2 Liverpool 0; Crew 1
Man Utd 1; Derby 2 Notin Forest 1; Fullram 2
Bristol 3; Leads 2 Lacester 3; Middlestrough
1 Newcastle 2; CPR 2 Charlton 2; Sunderland
2 Barrsley 1; Wasford 2 Milliand 1; Postpored:
Aston Villa v Eventon; Southempton v
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MBDLAND DIVISION: Bedworth 1 Solinut Boro 2 Billaton 5 Bloowarth 2; Evesham 2 Hinddey 2; Moor Green 0 VS Rugby 1; RC Warwich B Newport AFC 0; Reddisch 2 Stamford AFC 0; Weston-super-Mare 4 Sutton Coldield Town 2; Wisbech 3 Stourbridge 3. Postporred: Cinderford v Stepphen Dynamor, Paget v Clevedon. Southern division: Andover 2 Batdock 2; Chainsoff 4 Newport 16W 3; Crancester 3 Feet 9; Ertin and Belvedere 0; Corby 2; Fisher London 0 Ashbord 1; Folkestone Invitate 3 Vate 2; Allanguay 2 Brackley 0; Raumds 7 Dartoct 0; Stifingbourne 0 Hevent and Waterlovelle 1; Wilmey 1 St Leonards 2. BANKS'S BREWERY LEAGUE: Preview del-elors: Bustleholms 3 Ludiow 0; Craciley 2 Storkey Hill 2; Dudley Town 2 Watsell Wood 1; Lye 0 Smeytwick 0; Station 2 Watsell Wood 1; 5 Wolvertergutor 0; Twickels 1 Topion 2; West-fields 3 Darteston 0; Postponeck Edingshell v Makemir, Wolverhampton Casualis v Gornal, COURAGE COMEINED COUNTES LEAGUE Pamiler division: AFC Waterstond 1 Chipetend 1; Ashlard 5 Cove 0, Chessington and Hook 3 Water Causals 0; Fernitarin 5 Craniciph 0; Fe....................... 0 Menshern 0: Hardey Wintney 1 Fig. 1m 0 Massham Ct. Harley Winthey 1 Cobham 5; Reading 5 Bergint 5; Sandhuss 1 Netherne 1; Viking Sports 3 Godalming and Galidord 1. Postponad: Paynes PV v Ash. ARTHURAN LEAGUE: Premier division: Cid Brethroods 1 Bradileticians 1; Cid Reptonama 3 Etonians 2. Flatt division: Adenthamiers 4 Wellingburners 1; Habertagsfray 1 Wilsens 2. Arthur Dunn Cup: Wykerhamista 2 Lancing 2. and viscendowse 1; warey 1 St Leongros 2; MTERLINK EXPRESS ALLIANCE: Barwell 3 Stration 1; Chasesown 0 Walerheli Q; Hate-sowen Harriers 3 Stapenhill 1; Kings Notion 1 Petsel Wile t; Clothury 5 Boldman 5t Michesle 1; Pershore 1 Rocester 2; Srahraf 7 Z Rushall Olympic 1; Stupport 1 Sandwell 2; Wednas-field 2 Knyparaley 1. Poetponed: Bridgnorth v West Allclands Police.

FA LIMBRO TROPHY

FETH ROUND: Goston 2 Alahcheris Q; Chel-terharia 3 Handoniq; Daq and Red 1 St Albaris 2; Emiley 2 Whitey Q; Hitchin 1 Forest, Green 2; Vingstonien 1 Ysoel Q; Northwich 3 Coleyn Bey L; Wolfing Q Scuttpott Q; NORTH: WESTERN TRANS LEAGUE: Pind division; Glossop North End 2 Skelmerschie 2; Holler Old Boys 1 Albarton LR 1; födsgrove 2; Workslogton Q; Lank CS 08 1 Mossily 2: Mesne Hoad 1 Albarton Collieries Q; Nierbrich 1 Citherole 2; Ramebottom 1 Boothy 2: Rosserväse 3 Cheadle 2; League Cup; Serri-tmets: Prespot Cables 2 Newcasde Town Q; St Hellers 1 Yazurhal G M 2.

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ARNOTT INSURANCE NORTH LEAGUE: Fluit
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Morpeth 1; West Auckland 0 Merske 2. COMPLETE MUSIC HELLENIC LEAGUE: Powder (Advisors Abrigdon 1 Helben 0; Barbury 5 Swindon Supermarine 1; Bloaster 0 Shortwood 0; Fairford 5 Tulley 1; Harrow Hill 3 Kritbury 4; Highworth 2 Didcot 3; North Leigh 2 EFC Chellenhern 1; Wentone 2 Carterion 3. Poetponied: Airnondsbury v Burnham.

Lecusiones: regression y decision.

United Sussex COUNTY LEAGUE: Rist division: Burgess Hill 6 Setsey C; Chichester 3 Bibacthridge Heath 0; Pagham 3 Hallsham 0; Setdaten 1 Ringmer 1; Shorestern 0 Horsham YMCA 4, Poutporact Eastbourne Town y Portlegt: Rechtil 1 Whitehawk. John 0 Hars Legum Cup: Fourth retaid: Wick 0 Eastbourne 1 Jacq. Postporint2 Almondsbudy v Burnham.
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Newmarket 0; Sudbury Wanderers 0 lowich
1; Warboys 0 Windows 0; Watter 2 Helion 2;
Woodbridge 1 Great Transouth 2.
JENSON WESSEX LEAGUE: First division:
Totton 3 Whitchurch 1; BAT 2 Tratchum 2:
Bourremouth 0 Portsmouth 4; Christhurch 0
Lymington and New Mitton 2; Cowes Sports 3
Berrenton Heelih 0; East Cowes 2 Downton 1;
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Pictic 1; Gosport 1 Alc Newbury 1; Hamble
ASSC 0 Enockenhunt 1.
NORTHEREN COUNTIES EAST LEAGUE

ASSC 0 Brockenhurs 1.

NORTHERN COUNTIES EAST LEAGUE Premier division. Annihorpe Westers 0 Learendes 3, Arnold 4 Eccleshill 1; Densby 2; Hallem 0; Garforth 1 Bitgo 3; Glasshbughton Westers 1; Stanetey MM 1; North Femby 6; Mostley NAW 3; Coroll Albion 1 Seby 0; Portificat Cole 2 Protenting 0; Shapidal 1 Buston 0; Trackey 1 Quest Town 3.

IMMERIVA. SPARTAM SCUTH MODIANOS LEAGUE Premier division. Arleacy 0 Beaconsfeld Sycolo 1; Berlingside 2 Harpendem 1; Brache Sporta 3 Russip Manux 2; Buckinghem Arleace 2 Brimsdown 1; Hillington 1 Maton Keynes 1; London Coriney 3 letington 51 Many's 0; New Brackwell 3; Peter 1 Potters Ber 1; Rosston 0 Brock House 3; Someratil Anhuny 0 Welwyn Gerden 0; St. Margaretsbury 3 Hoddredon 3. Postpored: Harngey v. Toddington.

Toddington.

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on v Doncaster.

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POOLS CHECK

leading 3 Bristol 1; Wycombe 1 Brighton ().

Rivaldo, left, the Barcelona forward, prepares to meet the challenge of Bjorklund, of Valencia, in the Spanish League on Saturday. Barcelona's 4-2 home defeat was their third loss in ten days to Valencia but they remain top

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SECOND DIVISION

SCUTHERN ANATEUR LEAGUE: Alleym Old Bojs 1 Old Westminster Ctz. 2; Bronflam 1 iOB Latymarkuria 1; Bronflaid 4 Kew Associa-tion 2; East Barnet Old 1 Nossemen 1; Ibis 1 Claco 1; Lloyds Bank 1 Berdays Benk 1; Net West Bank 0 Lenebury 0; Old Antonians 1 Copuch End Vampires 2; Old Esthermateus 2 Albandra Park 2; Old Finchiolers 3 Menon 3; Polywohnic 1 West Wickman 1; South Bank 2 CM Service 2; Winchmore HII 0 Old Lyonians 1, Prostponsed Old Sadoners v Micland Bank. 6 Rotherham 10 Halfax 11 Swansea 12 Exeter 12 Eveter
13 Brighton
14 Chester
15 Strewsbusy
16 Rochdsle
17 Derlington
16 Southend
19 Bennet
19 Dernies
10 Tonquey
21 Certiste
14 Hartepool
23 Hult
24 Scarboro SCHWISPES ESSEX SENIOR LEAGUE: Premier division: Bestdon 1 Burnham Perniless 1; Bowers 1 Savbridgeworth 0; Brentwood 1 East Hara 1; Great Waltering 2; Bord 1; Hutbodge Sporie 0 Saffron Walden 2; Sterreted 0 Concord 4. AFA SENIOR CUP: Fourth round: Old Brom-SCREWITK DIRECT LEAGUE: Premier divi-eion: Bistelord 1 Bristol Marsor Farm 0: Bridport 2 Bistorp Sutton 2; Calore 0 Bridgester 3; Mail-strem 3 Ermore 1; Odd Down 1 Barmstaple 0; Therton 1 Taunton 2; Wastbury 0 Mangossield 1. Postponed: Keynstern v Bactwell.

THIRD DIVISION

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2 Cettic	26	11	2	1	40	7	3	5	4	22	17	49	+3
3 St Johnstn	26	5	5	2	19	16	6	4	4	13	17	42	
4 Klimamock	25	7	4	2	19	11	4	4	4	12	9	41	+11
5 Motherwell	28	6	4	4	17	19	1	5	6			30	-13
6 Aberdeen	26	4	4	4	16	18	4	2				30	
7 Dundee	28	4	3	7	10	20	3					27	
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Timid BBC finally loses its nerve on match point

o you decide to put money into a tennis tournament that contains 30 players whose bankability is distinctly hohum, but it also has Tim and Greg. And certainly both are splendid players and splendid chaps and, in this country, most hugely watchable. They are cast-iron box-office success. But neither of them is a stone-cold certainty to make the final, or even the semi-final, the big weekend days of

your tournament. So what do you do? It is the most anguishing thing for anyone involved in the business of sport. Sport is attractive because it is ultimately unpredictable. Good business prac-tice is all about the ability to

predict, to see around the next corner. That is how you get ahead of the game.

In other words, sport makes money because its unpredictability is so marketable. But it is hard to cope with as a business, because you can't predict it. This is a simple paradox that lies at the heart of sport

Television is an aspect of sport biz, and a very impor-tant one. The BBC bought up the week's big tennis event. which seemed to be held in a disused Toys R Us warehouse in Battersea Park. It had Tim and Greg on home soil, so it was an obviously good idea to televise it. But what if they don't reach the final? The BBC invested money in the tourna-

feared the unpredictability too much. In short, they bouled it.

This robustly timorous approach seemed to be well and truly justified when Tim Henman went out in the first round. This is precisely the sort of result that has sport's money men screaming in anguish. You can supply burgers on demand and a burger is always a burger, but sport has a will of its own. You never know what you are going to get. You never have control of your own product. Tim's out?

Well, that's sports biz It's great for mere puniers, of course. Who is around the mext corner? It is absolutely great, not knowing. Every time we go to a match or



sport before us, we might be about to watch the best match we have seen. We know we almost certainly won't. But that little question, that vast chasm of unpredictability, is what brings us back to sport again and again

And the BBC knew that a live final with Tim or Greg - could God be wonderful this week and give us both? - was going to be very watchable in-deed. But with neither, it would all be the most crashing bore for anyone save serious tennis buffs. And so the BBC lost its nerve, scheduled a live rugby league match and gave us extended highlights.

All right, the thing was live on BBC Choice, but most of us haven't got that yet. And Greg Rusedski made the final, which made it a mainstream

had it, but they didn't put it out; at least they didn't put it out live on Sunday Grand-

Instead, we had highlights two hours late. We missed 24 games altogether. From the way the package was put together, you could effortlessly predict what was happening and which way the games were going to go. This was the case until well into the third set. I couldn't get my mind on the case until it was 3-3 in the

It was pretty poor television. then. A pity, because it seemed to be an absolute cracker of a match. The BBC couldn't have known that. They couldn't have predicted with 100 per

make the final and that it would be a belter. So they played cautious.

It was a horrible decision to have to make, but the fact of the matter is that the Beeb got it wrong. Rusedski lost out in a hectic and splendid third set against Richard Krajicek, despite one of the most outrageous pieces of gamesman-ship — in the strict Potterian sense of the term - seen on television for some time. It was great stuff.

1 sometimes hear people moaning about Greg and Tim: they don't win every tournament they play in, they have been disappointing, neither has won a grand-slam event, they are maddeningly inconeven Greg. But hey, chaps. We have two Brits in the top ten and absolutely none busting a gut to take their places. Let us just enjoy these two

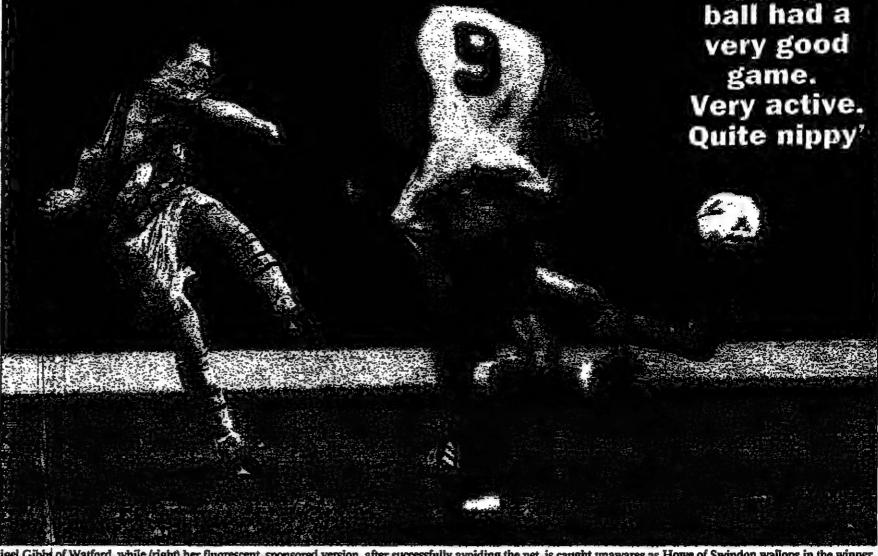
while we have them. Greg and Tim are living national treasures and the way the two are inextricably linked adds an extra dimension to it all. Their rivalry is a perpetual stimulus to each. one player waxing as the other wanes, until the balance tips back the other way again. We should all revel in this odd pair and do everything we can to enjoy them. That includes those who bring us sporting television. Brings us all the Tim and Greg you can. It's not as if they'll be around for ever.

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'And the

That's my ball, and I'm taking it home





Ball and scrawl: Truss receives her illegibly signed memento from Nigel Gibbs of Watford, while (right) her fluorescent, sponsored version, after successfully avoiding the net, is caught unawares as Howe of Swindon wallops in the winner

eing a football sponsor has never appealed to me particularly. Perhaps it is the cynic in me, but whenever I notice in the match pro-gramme that Dean Gammidge's kit is generously sponsored by "Frankie and Alan" a frisson tickles my spine. Such naive, unquestioning selflessness. I have this persistent image, you see, of those poor saps Frankie and Alan answering the door one Saturday morning mid-season to find all Dean Gammidge's laundry in a big basket on the step.

You're the kit people, right? I'll be back for it this afternoon," says the delivery man. "No starch in the

Thus, when I was asked to be honorary match ball sponsor for Watford v Swindon Town on Friday, I initially hedged a bir. I assumed there was a catch. But no. said the nice woman from Watford on the phone. I had won the deal fair and square in a business card draw, it was worth £400, and I could attend the match with three friends, have dinner in the restaurant (wine extra) and take home

No excuses

From Mr S Kyle

counted.

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for Johnson

Sir.'l disagree with Alasdair

Reid (report, February 22). It

is not a matter of changing the

rules to allow punishment of

Martin Johnson for stamping.

It is time for the England

selectors to stand up and be

on John Leslie, while he lay

unable to defend himself in the

the match ball, signed by the players. Wow. To take home the very ball used in the match; have a little display cabinet built; instal a spotlight! People would say I was "deeply sad", wouldn't they? Which is, of course, in football terms, the highest compliment you

However, there certainly was a eatch. It was that you can't get to Watford on the M25 on a Friday night unless you set out the night before. So instead of treating your friends to a free leisurely dinner at Vicarage Road, you make them sit in rainy traffic jams and watch the hours tick by. You then arrive at the ground ten minutes before kick-off in a heightened emotional state, ravenous with hunger, and more than ready to shoot the inevitable obstructive jobsworth with a walkie-talkie who won't let you

park your car. But there was an unexpected benefit to this anguish. A plus side to being late and angry and frus-trated. It was that although the jobsworths were naturally out in force (Elton John himself was once denied a parking space at Wat-

ford), I discovered, after nearly three years in this grindingly unhelpful foolie business, a glorious open-sesane. "I must get through, I'm the maich ball sponsor," I announced. And astonishingly. it worked.

To someone who has never before persuaded a stadium steward to use the teeniest amount of initiative on her behalf, here was a revelation. Someone let me park my car; someone else helped us scoot through the wrong stand, rather than go right round the stadium to another entrance. It was unbelievable.

Forget being from The Times, incidentally: in taking the logical path from A to B at a sporting event, full accreditation and urgent professional necessity cut no ice whatever. In my desperation at the World Cup last year, where I spent five weeks battering my head against bolted doors, I finally memorised the French for "Let me through with this plasma" - a last-ditch ruse that would, of course, have required me to fill plastic bags with pints of my own blood, but on balance would





definitely have been worth it. Anyway, we got in finally, puff, pant. Rain was falling on the perfect pitch; just under 9,000 people had turned out, the remainder of the usual crowd staying home to

watch it on telly. We saw Watford not score at all, and Swindon score once. At half-time we are the dinner (very good roast beef and veg) and I calmed down enough to get quite enthralied watching the ball itself (my ball) flying about. "Yellow for a night game, I suppose," I pointed out excitedly to my chums, handing them binoculars. "I can't see any signatures on it yet,

though, can you?" And the ball had a good game. Very active, quite nippy. Swin-don's Bobby Howe caught it unawares in the closing minutes of the first half and scored with it, but otherwise it kept out of the net despite several close shaves. I started wondering whether it should have a pet name. Bobby Ball.

Benny Ball. I also worried what would be the consequences if (as often occurs) the ball went out of play and another was thrown in. Which ball did I ger? Then, scanning the programme, I discovered the poleaxing news that there was a second match ball sponsor, "Watford Council and the Wiseman Family". What? The Wisemans get the match ball as well? Good grief.

Blair's turn

to play fair

between the match recently played between Arsenal and Sheffield United and the re-

cent election of the leader of

the Welsh assembly? Arsenal,

whose actions in the first match were considered to be

not in the interest of sports-

manship, offered a rematch -

In Wales, Tony Blair changed the electoral system

that voted for Welsh leader of

the Labour Party to suit his

own ends, and his "pupper"

duly won a hollow victory.

Would it not be in the interest

of fair play, and the credibility of the Prime Minister, to re-

turn this election on a level

playing field by giving every

that was applauded by all.

From Mr Ivor Hall

Nobody mentioned anything about a time share.

As is perhaps becoming clear, being match ball sponsor is not an ideal way to watch a football match. You get distracted by the wrong things, such as whether the ball is getting too wet for the signatures to stick. In the second half Swindon's George Ndah wore a worrying bandage on his right hand — would be still be able to sign? I was vaguely aware of the Hornets doing their best to equalise — buzz. buzz — but mainly I was concerned with tracking the adventures of Brucie Ball or Brian Ball (Billy Ball?), wondering how much to insure it for, and musing why there are so few auctions of

o you will be glad to know that Barry Ball is safely before me as I write, and of course it is not the real match ball at all. It's a white Watford FC ball (size 5) and I'm dead proud, though having spent two days studying the wild scribbles. I must report that an annotated match ball might be even better.

match balls at Christie's.

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There's a signature that might be N. Wright, but I've squinted from all angles and it still looks more like Hilary. A few of the others are quite legible, but unfortunately bear no relation to the known personnel of the match. "A. Belly", for example, is very clear, but I'm sure I'd remember if he played. Meanwhile those lesser known players "M. Lagst" and "Littlie Gfeinl have signed with admirable flourish.

Still, it was a new footie experience, and Watford were charming, and it was my own fault for underestimating the traffic. As I gaze now in wonderment at Bruno Ball, I must admit that my most treasured possession remains a book in-scribed by Arthur Miller, but who knows? When Littlie Gfeinl be-comes the new Alan Shearer, I can rethink my priorities. Meanwhile, however, I shall practise my wonderful open-sesame without delay at Monet in the 20th Century.

"How dare you block the path of a match ball sponsor?" is clearly always worth a go. And let's be honest, it's a lot less drastic than

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Johnson approached the ruck from a distance, with everything in clear view, with

His body angle is clearly shown by the photograph reproduced in the paper. His feet are in front of his body. He is not driving into the ruck. His feet are in front of his body weight for one purpose, to stamp on his opponent's face

I looked back over a record-

ing of the incident several

plenty of time to assess the

Martin Johnston cynically and cold-bloodedly stamped What message does it send to the players at every level if the England selectors continue to condone and reward such bottom of a ruck at behaviour, by selecting this

Twickenham. There was no element of mit-Alasdair Reid states the law igation, no heat of the mois an ass as far as violent ment, not even a suspicion of Leslie bending the rules a bit conduct is concerned. The selectors are not obliged to and putting himself at risk.

From Mr H.E. Paice

what I believe is causing so-called "big" golf to lose its attraction. To many of us ardent golfers and watchers of the game, whether live or on television, the "percentage" approach of the majority of players is boring.
As stated by Hopkins, a mistake or two may

be costly, in every serise of the word, under strokeplay conditions, so we are then lumbered with the unending disery of putt-stalking, grass-throwing etc ad nauseum - far less

important in matchplay - as is the weather. Television commentators take great pride in "calling the shot". Why? Because they know the percentage play and are rarely surprised. I don't want to hear their smugness; I'd much rather they speculated - or, shall we say, gam-bled on getting it right!

Surely a format can be devised to satisfy all Yours faithfully, H.E. PAICE. 19 Ravenswood Avenue, West-Wickham,

physical man who plays his prove themselves of similar

only he, along with players such as Connolly. Radlinski. Robinson and Newlove, were available in the back line for Clive Woodward. Yours sincerely.

Sir, I have made an application to MCC for tickets for a Test match to be played at Lord's in July. I have noted that the Regulations of MCC include "No ... confusion of any kind is permitted in any part of the ground". MCC further reserves the right to

person who refuses to comply with the Regulations. In view of the confusion caused at the England v Sri Lanka one-day international in Australia on January 23 (the "calling" of Muralitharan for "throwing" does the definition of "any person" extend to the umpires? Yours faithfully. DENYS FRANZINI,

member of the trade unions an individual vote? Yours faithfully, IVOR HALL 29 Erskine Hill, Hampstead Garden Suburb. London NWII. Sir. Is there not a similarity

From Mr Brian Kain Sir. Now that justice has been seen to be done with Arsenal's FA Cup victory over Sheffield United, should we now not re-

consider the fair play "rule"?
The incident in the first match resulted from a United player putting the ball into touch because a tearn-mate was hurt. Surely it should be the prerogative of the opposensuring that no time is wasted when players feign injury? Yours faithfully, BRIAN B. KAIN.

Stumbledon, The Ford, Little Hadham, Herts SGII 2AY

GILES LYON,

London SW6.

150a Harbord Street,

From Mr Giles Lyon Sir, In light of Arsène Wenger's refusal to accept Marc Overmars's "winning" goal in the FA Cup tie with Sheffield United, does this mean that players would be able to retract "goals" if they thought they were unfair, undeserved or just felt bad about scoring? Yours faithfully,

This week in THE TIMES



Oxford aim to stem the flood of Cambridge victories in the Boat Race next month. Mike Rosewell sizes up the crews who will battle it out

on the Thames. Wednesday Colin Jackson assesses his chances of striking gold in the world indoor athletics

championships in Japan. Thursday Is the European Cup still in Manchester United's sights

after their quarter-final tie with Internazionale? The Formula One wheels

are turning in Australia for the opening grand prix of the season. Kevin Eason reports from Melbourne.

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Percentage golfers make the game boring

11 Beaconsfield Place.

From Mr Aadel Kardooni

Sir. as a friend and former

colleague of Martin Johnson's

at Leicester, I found Simon

Barnes Midweek View (Febru-

ary 24) offensive. Simon Barnes builds a picture of

Martin being a prehistoric

man, aggressive and lacking

in intelligence. At the same

time, he points out that he has

never met Martin. I am sure

that if he had researched his

subject he would have found

that Martin is intelligent with

Although I am not condon-

ing Martin's stamping on

John Leslie, he is a haid and

an engaging disposition.

Sir. John Hopkins (Strokeplay no match for head-to-head. February 22) highlighted much of

rugby in the same way. At the

same time Martin is not a so-

called "dirty player" who looks

to prowl rugby games to hand out his form of retribution. Yours sincerely, AADEL KARDOONI. 100 Piccadilly.

From Mr Rob Edgerton Sir, In his Calcutta Cup preview (February 20), Michael Lynagh said England needed someone with "the build of Dallaglio, the pace of Guscott and excellent ball-handling skills". There is such a man playing rugby in England — unfortunately, its the wrong

Andrew Farrell fits this description to a tee, as well as being a very accurate kicker. If

ROB EDGERTON, Cathedral Court University of Surrey, Guildford, Surrey.

Lordly confusion From Mr Denys Franzini

remove from the ground any

10 Courtfield Mews.

Bitter Cup. Richard Hill, Gloucester's deposed director of rugby, who sent a message of encouragement to his former charges, might have reflec-ted that this will be Gloucester's third appearance in the semi-finals

in the past four years.

Philippe Saint-Andre, appointed after Hill's dismissal a fortnight ago, knows victory is only a temporary balm. "I have never won easi-ly with Gloucester." the French wing said. "We played with a big heart but we are too traditional here. New rugby is not just kick and chase, scrums and lineouts." Hill knew that and tried to change. Saint-Andre's ambition is to build a squad that will play European rugby in season 2000-2001.

Gloucester deserved their luck. They lost Scott Benton, their scrum half, to a groin strain acquired in the pre-match warm-up and Richard Tombs, their influential centre. after eight minutes with a knee injury. Terry Fanolua, their other centre, was attending a family funeral in Western Samoa, so their attacking resources were thin in the extreme against a side that has

not lost at Kingsholm since 1993.
Harlequins made poor use of the strong wind blowing downfield in the first half, which they lost 6-3, and could not score the points their imaginative play deserved in the second. John Gallagher, their director of within the play inclined to present the second. tor of rugby, was inclined to pass some of the blame to Hughes, though his refereeing of the ball on the floor was consistent with that of many of his peers this season.

We spent a whole day at a seminar for coaches and referees discussing the tackle law," Gallagher said. "I find it Incredible that you can do that, think you know what the game is and then find a per-formance like that in the middle."

Harlequins' hope now is that they can qualify for Europe next season — if Europe proves to be back on the agenda for English clubs. They had the most dangerous runners in John Schuster and the abrasive Keith Wood, but they could take little advantage of Dan

Luger's confident display. Gallagher could reflect that his team's try came from a pass by tion but limited technical expertise. The Gloucester hooker spun the ball 30 metres into midfield, missed his colleagues and allowed Harlequins to drive deep into the home 22 from a penalty; from the lineout. Rory Jenkins ran powerfully and Huw Harries, with the hint of a dummy, opened the defence under the posts.

Gloucester's sole attacking ploy seemed the introduction of Saint-Andre from the blind-side wing. but it was Rory Greenslade-Jones who finally unpicked the lock. His run into the Harlequins 22 appeared to have been for nothing when he knocked on but, into the wind, Harlequins could not kick clear, so Sheasby picked up and drove. Alas for the former England No 8, he was judged to have retained the ball on the ground and the accurate Mapletoft did the rest. SCORERS: Gloucester: Penalty goels: Maple-toft 5 (26mm, 39, 51, 73, 85) Harlequires: Try: Har-ters (151) Conversion: Schuster Penalty goals: 5-huster 2 (29, 68)

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Pearca, N Carler, S Ojomon HARLEQUINS: D O Leary, J Keyter, P Mensart frep, W Calling, 731, J Schuster D Luger, R Liley, H Hances D Barnes, Y. Wood, G Halpin, G Llewellyn, Y Davson (rep. G Morgan, 61), R Jenkins, A Leach (rep. T Murphy, 83), C Sheasby.

Tetley's Bitter Cup: Holders eliminated by resilient Newcastle



Tuigamala, right, of Newcastle, who scored two tries, powers through the Saracens defence during his side's Tetley's Bitter Cup victory at Kingston Park yesterday

By David Hands RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

NEWCASTLE'S future may yet be uncertain in the long term but if any potential business consortium seeks a going concern, they will find one at Kingston Park. With a display of magnificently controlled rugby in foul conditions, and two deftly taken tries from Va'aiga Tuigamala, the Premiership champions of last season removed Saracens, the holders, from the

Tetley's Bitter Cup.
The North East threw in everything it had to offer yesterday — driving wind, a numbing rain and. at one stage, sleet across the pitch that put a high premium on basic skills. The response of both teams was better than an enthusiastic crowd had the right to expect, but where Saracens could make nothing of their territorial advantage in the first half. Newcastle had the ideal game-breaker after the interval, in Tuigamala. Nor was the Samoan wing merely in battering-ram mode.

His first try could hardly have been bettered, his second, three minutes from time, embellishing

Saracens tumble to guile of Tuigamala

the advantage as Saracens tried desperately to break the stranglehold by running from their own 22. Victory leaves Newcastle looking at the possibility of a second trophy in successive seasons and Rob Andrew, their director of rugby, casting sideways glances at those

running the game.

If Newcastle are drawn at home in the semi-finals today, Andrew will fight tooth and nail to play at Kingston Park — where the capacity is 6,600 — despite the suggestion from English First-Division Rugby that the penultimate round must be played at a ground capable of holding 8,000. He is already opposed to the decision to play Premiership rugby through the World Cup next season, when at least five countries are likely to raid his resources, "I would like to know who makes these rules, why is 8,000 sud-denly the magic number?" he said.

But Andrew could not have been happier with the form of his play-ers. A fortnight before, just three days after the announcement that Cameron Hall Developments were to withdraw their funding, a distracted Newcastle were surprisingly beaten by London Scottish in the Premiership. "This game made a huge statement about the players and the club," Andrew said. "If we can get the business side resolved quickly, we can move forward. The players will sit tight, no-one wants

Developments are expected within the next ten days, hastened perhaps by the possibility of more liverware on the back of a forward display that was as good as anything Newcastle have shown this season. Garath Archer enjoyed himself at the lineout, when throwing was often a lottery, and the scrummaging work undertaken by Feidlim McLoughlin paid dividends against Saraces in the second half with George Graham holding so redoubtable a prop as Paul Wallace. Security in that area allowed the immensely promising Ross Beattie to roam at large from No 8, helping to police a midfield that, in the first half! Saracens threamed to pierce. Twice Penaud was through, Bracken and Ravens-croft were hauled down just short and Constable kicked when he, perhaps, should have given Thiriby the chance to stretch his legs on the

The game turned either side of half-time. Newcastle worked Legg clear and though the full back was stopped by Daniel five netres short of the line, the supporting wave poured in and Saracers fell offside under their own posts. Even in such a wind, Wilkinson was able to kick the penalty before placing a

probing grub-kick towards Under-wood's wing that Thiriby did well to clear. The second score, eight minutes after the interval, was decisive: Legg made the extra man on the blindside of a scrum on Newcas-tle's ten-metre line, Tuigamala was into his stride and kicked ahead. He pursued the ball so well that he claimed it ahead of Johnson and though the Saracers full back made the tackle. Tuigamala's momentum carried him to the line.

Newcastle's defence became even more grudging after that, even when Penaud nipped through a gap and kicked for his wing. The final nail was driven home near the finish. Saracens's passing broke down. Beattle drove forward and Tuigamala arrived from deep to take Armstrong's pass and sprint 20 metres to the line.

Whatever the future of first-class rugby in the North East, Newcastle seem likely to be part of it.

post Wikinson (35) SCORING SEQUENCE (Newcaste first): 3-0

(net/lone), 8-0, 15-0.
NEWCASTILE: 8 Legg: T Underwood, M Shaw, J Waldneon, V Tutgamalic R Andrew, G Armstrong, G Graham, R Nasdale, M Hume, G Archer, H Vyvyan, P Wallon (spe): S O'Nell, 80), R Annold, R Beetie, SARACENS: G Johnson (rep: B Lee, 74): R Thirty, R Comstable (rep: K Sorre), 40), S Reverseord, B Denel, A Penaud, K Bracken, D Ratman (rep: 8 Letter), R London, D. C. Choner, S. Mottan, S. Interes.

Indiscipline of Johnson turns tie on its head

Richmond.

By MARK SOUSTER

THESE are difficult times for Martin Johnson. However much he protests his innocence over the John Leslie stamping incident, the impact will undoubtedly leave as deep an impression on the England lock as it did, temporarily, on the Scottish centre's neck at Twickenham nine days ago.

As never before he is a marked man. On Saturday, Johnson was shown a white card for what John Kingston, the Richmond director of rugby, described as a "cynical" professional foul The decision by Steve Lander, the referee, effectively cost Leicester their chance of a league and cup double this season and subconsciously m not, referees are now on Johnson's case, however much others, among them Dean Richards, defend his reputation and deny that he is a target. "If we are trying to clear up the game, pick on somebody who is dirty," Richards said. The ten-minute spell from the

27th minute turned a magnificent, full-throttle cup-tie on its head. In Johnson's absence, Richmond scored two tries in four minutes, by Clarke and Williams, respectively from scrum and lineout, that won the game and secured their place in

a cup semi-final for the first time in their 138-year history. Certainly Richmond looked to play on Johnson's perceived fragile emperament, as well as that of others. The tactic, cynical in itself, worked. As he was against Ireland at Wembley, Craig Quinnell was in turn abrasive and provocative and punched Johnson as the half-time histle blew.

whistle blew.

To his credit Johnson kept calm.
Quinnell was sin-binned for punching Pat Howard in the second half although, crucially. Leicester managed only one score during his sideline sojourn, when Neil Back drove over from a lineour.

Kingston praised Lander's "coun-

Kingston praised Lander's "cour-age" in taking action against the Leicester captain, who was penalised for stepping over a ruck and toe-poking the ball out of Agustin Pichot's hands ten metres from the Leicester line. "If we are going to find space on a rugby field it is so important you are hard on this type of infringement," he said. Lander is to be applauded because it was a cynical offence."

cynical offence."

This was not a dirty game however, more rugby in the raw; a fiercely contested Tetley's Bitter Cup quarter-final, in which both sides spurned opportunities wide out. Leicester were always on the back foot after losing Joel Stransky on Friday with a knee injury. Without his control, and without anyone capable of straightening the line they could make little. the line, they could make little headway against a committed Richmond cover defence.

With seven minutes to go, Corry had pounced on a loose ball after Clarke and then Hutton tried to run out of defence, and the feeling remained that Leicester might still have enough character and resolve to win, despite Stimpson's conversion rebounding off the upright. For all their dominance, they were restricted to a dropped-goal attempt by Stimpson that barely

After three days away at Windsor, Richmond had decided to adopt a more direct approach. In short they decided to take Leicester on at their own game — kicking for position, and turning their opponents. In the end, despite a few palpitations, it worked. "Pantastic feeling." Clarke said. "A great day for the club."

got off the ground.

for the Club."

SCORERS: Richmond: Tries: Clarke (24mm), Williams (39) Conversion: Va'a. Penalty goal: Va'a (56). Leicaster: Tries: Back (46), Cony (73) Penalty goal: Stimpson (2)

SCORING SECULENCE (Richmond first) 0-3, 7-3, 12-3 (nail-time), 12-8, 15-8, 15-13

RICHMOND: M Prin, In Weine, J Winght, M Dison, S Brown: E Va'a, A Pichot; D McFarland, B Walson, D Courpton, C Culmed (sin-bin, 46-56mm), C Gallea, R Hutton, A Vander, B Clarke LeiCESTER: T Simpson, L Lloyd (rep: N Equilies, 10), C Joner, J Stuart, D Loughed; P Howard, J Hamilton, G Rowntree (rep. D Jelley, 60), R Cockerll (rep. D West, 67), D Garforth, M Johnson (sin-bin, 27-37), F van Hearden, L Moody (rep. P Gustard, 57), N Back, M Cony. Reterest 5 Lander (Liverpool)

Aggressive defence gives Wasps their sting

London Irish. By MARK SOUSTER

ONCE again. Wasps can sense that

Twickenham feeling. A year ago they put London Irish out of the Tetley's Bitter Cup at Sunbury at the quarter-final stage with a resounding victory on their way to the final. Yesterday, at Loftus Road, they repeated the feat with a victory that, if not as emphatic in terms of scoreline, was its equal in terms of superiority. It completed a clean sweep of wins for home sides in the last eight. Given that results have gone with the territory, they will have fingers crossed for another home tie in the draw today.

This victory may not have been achieved in the grand flowing manner of 12 months ago, but this was every bit as satisfying against opponents who have been transformed in the interim. In front of a record crowd of 11,417, it was hard, it was ferocious, and the tackle count 115-94 in favour of Wasps tells its own story.

This was the other side of an inconsistent team that succumbed larnely at Bedford in the Allied Dunbar Premiership recently. In a defence, it was Wasps who denied

opportunity, and offered them only two penalties within kicking range. Woods was able to convert the first, but missed the second. Their discipline was exemplary, but London Irish contrived to make life difficult for themselves.

Kirke struggled to find his jumpers and, as a consequence, their lineout was disjointed - how they miss Malcolm O'Kelly. The exiles were also undone by their spirit of adventure, running penalties with

want to play a fast game, keeping the ball in hand, but with a deceptive wind, it cried out for a calmer head to kick for position. That would have at least relieved the almost relentless pressure they found themselves under in the second half and which increasingly forced them into errors.

They ran just about everything and with a defence as resolute as that of Wasps, in which Joe Worsley was outstanding, was a fatal

JOEL STRANSKY, the Leices-

ter fly half, has ruled out playing

for England in the World Cup

later this year because of the absence of due qualifications. Stransky believed that he had an

England-born grandfather, which would have made him

But after full investigation.

Stransky, who kicked the winning dropped goal for South

Africa against New Zealand in the 1995 World Cup final, discov-

ered that it was his great-grand-

parents who moved to South Africa early this century. This

cligible.

London Irish a single tryscoring almost reckless abandon. They mistake in contrast! Alex Kine's we play like that again we prompting maintained Wasps's momentum and territorial advantage.

Dick Best, the London Irish director of rugby, was philosophical.
"We never played anywhere near
our potential. We made too many
errors," he said. Nigel Melville, his counterpart, was giad that his side regained some consistency. "The motivation is to go back to Twickenham, where we lost heavily last year, to put things right. But we are

bars him from representing Eng-

land, even though he has stated

his intention to remain resident

"It's disappointing news but it takes a load off my shoulders."

he said. "My England career is not an issue now." Stransky

would have become eligible to

play for England a month before the World Cug began this

☐ Montferrand booked their place in the European Cup next season by beating Bourgoin:
35-16 in the final of the European

Shield in Lyons on Saturday.

in this country

to the final." Take nothing away from Wasps, though. Their back row was dominant and laid the foundations for success. Worsley was hugely influ-

ential in an aggressive defence; Lawrence Dallaglio was also prominent, while Scrivener ran at the midfield relentlessly. Trevor Leota added an extra dimension in the loose, as well as being a dynamic force around the fringes, he is quick and has good hands. His involvenot taking anything for granted. If ment almost created a try for Dallaglio, who crossed in the second Stransky fails his England test half but was penalised for a double:

movement. The England captain, however, was not to be denied. After 73 minutes Simon Shaw, a replacement for Reed, drove down the short side and Rollitt provided the scoring pass that Dallaglio gieefully accepted. The additional penalty goal by Logan three minutes

later was the final nail. SCORIERS: Waspe: Try: Dalagio (73min). Conversion: Logan Penalty goals: Logan 3 (1, 73, 76). Dropped goal: Res (43). London Irist: Penelty goal: Woods (22). SCORIMS SEQUENCE (Waspa Irist): 3-0, 3-3. (hall-time), 6-3, 9-3, 16-3, 19-2.

fhall-timel, 8-3, 9-3, 16-3, 19-3.

WASPS: J Lewsey, P Sampson, F Wakers, R Henderson, K Logan, A King (rep: M Denney, 75mm), M Wood; A Black, T Leota, W Green, M Weedon, A Read (rep: S Shaw, 85), L Dalaglio, J Worsley, P Scrivener (rep: E Rollet, 89)

LOMDON IRISH C O'Shee, J Behnop (rep: J Cunningham, 40), N Burrows, B Verder, N Woods, S Bachop, K Put, N Halley, R Kirke, R Handwick (rep. K Fullman, 70), R Structwick, N Harvey, J Goer, R Gallacher, I Fessanat.

Swansea prolong defiance

Manchester Sale BY MARK BALDWIN

ETERNAL optimists maintain that there are no endings, only new beginnings: and optimism, often spilling over into blind faith, is the very lifeblood of sport. Take the events at Goldington Road on Satur-

day.

Bedford, who simply had to win to maintain realistic hopes of clawing themselves out of the Allied Dunbar Premiership's bottom two, produced instead one of their most disappointing displays of the season to allow Sale, their fellow strugglers, to pull six points ahead of them.

But were Bedford in utter despair afterwards? On the contrary, according to Rudi Straeuli, their director of rugby, whose seemingly unquenchable spirit continues to

provide hard-up Bedford with perhaps their most prized asset. "Our aim is to stay above West Hartlepool and I believe we can do that," Straet-li said. "And, then, I think we can win the play-off against

placed team." For a club that have endured a wretched season of under-achievement, including eight successive defeats before this win. Sale were also surprisingly upbeat as their fears of relegation eased.

the second division's second-

Hanley offers hope to Sale

Well-organised in defence and slowing the game down whenever possible to take the steam from Bedford's occasional raids, Sale won the day because they have, in Steve Hanley, the most exciting attacking discovery of the sea-

Hanley, 19, may yet force his way into the Five Nations Championship and illustrated with his second try, an instinc-tive eye for a gap, his perfectlytimed diagonal run inside Chris Yates injecting pace into a static move.

But the real demonstration of the power of Hanley's 6ft 3in, lost frame, had come 13 minutes earlier. Rory Underwood, who might be 36 in June but did, after all, win 85 England caps, was tight up on Hanley when he received the ball. Underwood was brushed off like an irritant fly as Hanley thundered away. A case, perhaps, of a new beginning and a sad ending?

SCORERS: Bedfort: Try: Paramore (50mm) Conversion: Howard Sale: Tries: Hardey 2 (24, 37) Conversion: Howarth Penalty goals: Howarth 2 (27, 68) 68]
SCORING SEQUENCE (Bedioxd first)
0-5 0-8, 0-15 (hall-time) 7-15, 7-18
BEDFORD: S Stewart: R Underwood. A Mundoch, D Harris (rep J Ewens, 60mm), O C'Methony S Howard, R Elliott. A Oxdernic (rep A Other, 53) J Richards, C Boyd. A Coding (rep J Cookle, 49), S Murray, R Winters (rep Cockle, 14-18), J Forster, J Paramore.

mare SALE J Matender D Rees, J Bevandet C Yates, S Harley S Howarth, K Elts, D Bell, P Greening, D Theron, S Rawalus, C Murphy (rep D Beldwin, 51), P Anglesea, A Sender-son, D O'Cunneagan

Determined Diver has Scotland all at sea

England Scotland. By Alan Pearey

IF ENGLAND'S women are to close the gap on New Zea-land, the world champions, they could do with a few more like Chris Diver. Yesterday the full back, absent from England's last outing in the World Cup third place play-off last May, provided the highlight of a scrappy victory over Scotland when she caught a high ball in her own 22, and with

explosive pace raced the length of the field to score. The Sussex firefighter's solo effort was the fifth of six Eng-land tries that launched Gill Burns's side into the first official Five Nations Championship in emphatic fashion at Richmond Athletic

Ground. Scotland, who had won the title last year after beating England 8-5, offered stern resistance but never remotely threatened to repeat that upset once Burns, the No 8, had cancelled out Rimma Lewis's third-minute try for the away side.

With the industrious Helen Clayton complementing Burns's power in the back row, and Emma Mitchell, the scrum half, looking as perky as anyone on the field, England won at a canter.

Mitchell and Burns, again, crossed before the break be-

fore Diver glided through within 40 seconds of the restart and, at 22-7, England with seven Saracens players in their ranks — were home and dry, with the second half something of an error-strewn anticlimax.

SCOPERS: England: Tries: Burns 2 (8, 25min), Ower 2 (41, 72), Michel (23), Crawlord (80), Conversions: Collins, Burns.

and Swansea remain in the nents' line in the fourth Bridgend

BY GERALD DAVIES

the Welsh Rugby Union on the one hand and Cardiff and Swansea on the other is set to continue. Yesterday was the deadline when both clubs were meant to have paid the £150,000 fine imposed for playing unsanctioned fixtures against teams from the Allied Dunbar Premiership. Both clubs have declined to pay and do not intend to do so. What the penalty is for failing to com-ply remains unclear.

THE battle of words between

On Saturday, Cardiff and Swansia qualified for the quarter-final of the union's cup competition sponsored by SWALEC. Thus their presence is secure for the moment since the urion cannot contemplate alienaing SWALEC, who would insist that both Cardiff tournament. Bridgend, second from bot-

tom of the premier division, gave a good account of them-selves in the first half. With all the enthusiasm that a one-off cup game can motivate and the position of underdog can enhance, the home team forced the game their way. Swansea could hardly settle, committing all sorts of errors so as to allow Cull to kick a couple of penalty goals.

When Durston, who had a fine match, kicked into the

open. Swansea were so spreadeagled that three Bridgend players were given the choice to pick up the ball. It was Andrew Williams who did so and scored the try.

They might have extended

this advantage had Cull been more accurate with three other penalty chances, but a 13-3 lead was never going to be enough. Swansea forced three

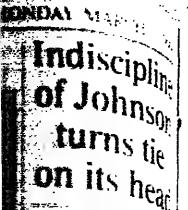
minute of first-half extra time and eventually Rhodri Jones scrambled into the scrum to claim a score. In the second half, Swansea raised the pace arid looked to the scrum to destroy what was left of Bridgend's efforts. Immediately after the restart Arwel Thomas scored a try and thereafter it all became predictable. after it all became predictable.

SCORERS: Bridgend: Try: A Williams (15min) Conversions Cull. Pensity goals Cull 3 (10, 38, 47). Swamser: Tries: Fishers (10, 38, 47). Swamser: Tries: Fishers (40), Morianty (51), pensity by (57). Anold (77). Jeniona (79) Conversions: Thomas 4, Davies: Pensity goal: Thomas (40), Bodes: Pensity goal: Thomas (20), SCORING SEQUENCE (Bridgend fruit; 30, 10-0, 10-3, 13-3, 13-10 fraid-time; 13-17, 16-17, 16-22, 16-25, 16-35, 16-43. BRIDGIEND: G.C.W. J. Taylor (rep. S. Greenway, 40mml. S. Wirn, I. Thomas, O Thomas, A Duston, A Jendens, L. Marring; trop. J. Write, S. Fott, C. Stephens, O Lloyd, G. Thomas (rep. A. Joy, 25), J. Willes, S. Fott, S. G. A Williams (rep. P. Thomas, 76), A Williams

Feature, 7.).
SWANSEA: D Weatherley, R Rees, M Taylor, S Gabs, M Robinson, A Thomas (rep. 1 Devise, 77), R Jones, D Morris, G Jerdens, C Anthony, (rep. 8 Evens, 50), P Amold, / Moore, P Morrarly, C Charvis, L Jones, Referee: C Thomas (Neath)

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Salford



Silk Cut Challenge Cup: Veteran Great Britain stand-off orchestrates Leeds victory

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St Helens trampled underfoot by Powell

By CHRISTOPHER IRVINE

IN 15 years of rugby league, Daryl Powell has only been to Wembley with Great Britain. Like everyone else associated with Leeds Rhinos, the veteran stand-off half, who again made a mockery of his troublesome feet as St Helens went the way of Wigan Warri-ors at Headingley on Satur-for day, is taking nothing for

The fact that he had not required a painkilling injec-tion, as Leeds maintained their nerve and discipline to reach the Silk Cut Challenge Cup quarter-finals, was a bonus. At 33, Leeds would be advised to wrap Powell in cotton wool. "There's a chip and a spur growing on a bone in my foot, so I've a problem. I always thought once I was past 32. I'd just take it year by year," he said.

Now that Tony Kemp and Graham Holroyd have left. Leeds need Powell fit and in his present form. Karl Pratt. Powell's junior by 15 years,

meantime the ploy of beginning there with Powell and pushing lestyn Harris up from full back later in games continues to work nicely.

Graham Murray, the Leeds coach, is an admirer. "You need your tough, experienced men to lead the way. Daryl was outstanding for the time he was on, both in attack and defence. Other guys feed off that," he said.

Powell, a confessed long shot for the coaching position when Murray leaves for North Sydney in October, said: "The way Wigan got themselves as a dynasty in the game is what this club's aiming for." With only a Yorkshire Cup victory to speak of in the 21 years since they last lifted the Challenge Cup, Leeds have reckoned before that they have a winning blend and been disappointed.

This time they may be proved right, not simply because they have a pack that refuses to buckle, but because they can adapt their game. Whereas Wigan were run off their feet, St Helens invited an arm wrestle and flinched. Leeds were initially sucked in was bought from Feather- by niggly spoiling, but adjust-stone Rovers as an outstand- ed the way that they defend-



ed, cleaned up the ricks and, significantly, confided only two penalties in the second half, while St Helens failed to curb their ill-discipline, which Harris punished with six pen-

alty goals.

The errant forward trio of Davidson, Nickle and Matau-tia would be advised to learn controlled aggression, which Ellery Hanley the St Helens coach, once showed. The

uncompromising nature of Hanley's team was not so much in question as the flair, with which St Helens sides are traditionally imbued yet surfaced fleetingly. Hanley's decision to drop Anthony Sullivan looked justified, as the wings were spare parts. One of the few times that Paul Newlove got the ball, he finished a superb move. Verve rarely matched the St

Helens workrate, and the impetus of Jackson coming on at hooker for Leeds set in motion their opening try by Ryan Sheridan. The darting Sheridan was at the heart of their other try by Newton after Harris had kicked St Helens into submission. Atcheson pocketed a late consolation, but on the eve of a long JJB Super League cam-

rockier for Hanley than for his former club. Shoridan, Newton Goale: Harris (8) St. Helens: Tries: Newtone, Alcheson. Goale: Harris (8) St. Helens: Tries: Newtone, Alcheson. Goale: Long (4) LEEDS RHINNOS: I Herris; I. Rwett, R. Blacknore, B. Godden, F. Currmins; D. Powelf, R. Shondan; M. Messilla, T. Newton, D. Flowelf, R. Mortey, A. Farrell, M. Glarvalle. Substitutions: M. St. Falleire, L. Jackson, A. Harri. M. Martines.

Wolves begin to justify bold optimism

Warrington Wolves.. Halitax Blue Sox...

By CHRISTOPHER IRVINE

THERE is nothing like a cup run to inspire confidence and with new backers and Peter Deakin, from Saracens, newly installed in the chief executive's seat, Wilderspool is a hotbed of optimism. And with justification after War-rington Wolves' victory yester-

The feel-good factor was confirmed by an impressive defeat of Halifax Blue Sox. for whom the first round of JJB Super League matches next weekend presents an early chance for revenge. Halifax were eliminated early from the Silk Cut Challenge Cup last year and reached the play-offs by finishing third in the league, but Warrington gave a clear indication of the stiffer com-petition this season.

More satisfying than tries by four of their back line and another by Roper, a centre converted to loose forward, was restricting Halifax to just two penalty goals by Hol-royd. That's the best defence since I've been here," Darryl van de Velde, the Warrington coach, said.

Halifax were only 10-4 be-hind and had been restored to their full complement, with Mercer's re-emergence from the sin-bin, when they were caught offside in the 54th minute. Roper tapped to

20-metre line and was out of sight by the time that the Blue Sox players realised what was happening. Warrington were inspired by the livewire Briers at scrum half, while Nutley, the prop. was everwhere. With Farrar hugely influential in the rearguard effort, Halifax never looked like adding to their points in the second half.

Three of Warrington's tries got the green light by the video referee, the first after five minutes when a charge down by McCurrie came under scrutiny in the build-up to a score by the 34-year-old Forster, the only survivor of War-ngton's last Wembley final appearance, in 1990. War-rington could have paid for a clutch of missed chances in the first half, but with a strong wind at their backs in the second, they blew away a disjointed Halifax.

Hunte's elever footwork enabled him to profit from spillages by Bloem and Gibson. Kohe-Love eased past Cardiss to score beneath the posts, before Penny's late try was converted by Briers.

W2S CONVERED DY BITTETS.

SCORERS: Warrington Wolves: Tries:
Forster, Roper, Hunte, Kohe-Love, Penny
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WARRINGTON WOLVES: 1. Penny, J
Roach, T Kohe-Love, A Hunte, M Forster, S
Wilson, I. Bener; M Hilton, D Faster, D Nusley, S Gilbes, S McCurre, J Roper, Subastbases: D Hanger, M Warnwoght, G Chambers, I Knott.

HALIFAX BLUE SOX: G Hotroyd, J Bocard, D Gabson, A Craig, D Bouverig: C
Chester, G Clinch, P Broadbent, P Rowley,
K Sterrett, R Marstrat, C Gillespue, G Mercer, Subalifiations: N Printers, M Moara, D
Cardiss, D Clark.

Referee: R Smith (Castiglord)

Salford storm through

Huddersfield Giants 14 Saiford Reds...

By PETER WILSON

SALFORD Red's muchichanged team still have their sights set on going one step farther than a year ago when they reached the Silk Cur Challenge Cup semi-final. They booked their quarter-

final place against Castleford Tigres by holding off the spirized challenge of Huddersit to both sides that they were able to beat the elements driving rain and a strong wind - to provide such an entertaining contest.

The long-anticipated banle of the scrum haives wasedged by Martin Crompton, who scored one try and was behind much of the damage to the Huddersfield cause.

Not that blame for the Giants' defeat could be heaped on the shoulders of Bobby Coulding his threequarter rival, who never gave an inch in a gruelling struggle.

A penalty by Goulding put Huddersfield in front but Salford were the first to exploit the conditions when Steve Blakeley hoisted a high kick that Paul Cook failed to gather and Crompton was able to pounce for the opening try after 17 minut Huddersfield hit back in al-

most identical circumstances. This time it was Goulding who launched a high kick. Bobby Thompson who failed to gather and Danny Arnold who went over for the try. Goulding's conversion into the wind put the Giants in front, but their lead only lasted a couple of minutes before Garen Casey crossed for the first of his two tries.

Facing a two-point deficit at the break, any optimism Hud-dersfield harboured was shattered five minutes into the second half, when a short kick from Crompton skidded across the wet surface and Casey timed his tive to

perfection and touched down. Jim Lenihan sedred to keep the Giants in the hunt, but their chances disappeared three minutes before the end when Scott Martin possed un-challenged for the score that took the Reds out of reach.

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in draw for last eight RHINOS and

Bulls avoid Rhinos

Bradford Bulls, the two favourites, were kept apart in the Silk Cut Challenge Cup quarter-final draw last night (Christopher Irvine writes). The revitalised Warrington Wolves were presented with a difficult tie away to Bradford on Sunday week and an early return to his former club for Peter Deakin, their

new chief executive. The other televised match, likely to be the other all-JJB Super League tie between Castleford Tigers, who eliminated York last Friday, and Salford Reds. Widnes hung on against Leigh yesterday to win 20-17 and earned home advantage once more against

Whitehaven are the only other Northern Ford Premier-

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ship side left in the competition after they beat Oldham trip in rugby league, from Cumbria, to face London Broncos at the Stoop Memorial Ground. Martin Offiah, who missed most of last season, scored London's only try as they survived a scare away at Hull Kingston Rovers in a grim 6-0 victory, which put them into the last eight for only the second time.

McNamara stands out crossed unopposed after Matthew Elliott, the Brad-

Wakefield Trinity Wildcats...8 Bradford Bulls....

By MARTIN RICHARDS

STEVE McNAMARA, the Bradford Bulls captain. whose place is by no means guaranteed in the strongest line-up, played a pivotal role as they gained a bruising passage into the quarter-finals of the Challenege Cup yesterday. Expectations of a runaway win for Bradford were mud and a swirling wind helped close the gap in class.

Wakefield lived up to their new name, Wildcats, even after Bradford had opened up a 14-2 lead after 21 minutes. Henry Paul put Bradford ahead when he picked up a loose ball to score wide out before Stuart Fielden, an impressive young forward,

McNamara's sweetly-timed pass had sucked in the Wake-field cover. Wakefield, anxious to dis-

pel fears that they will be the whipping boys of Super League this season, dug deep and came up with a rousing try from their Australian stand-off, Shane Kenward, a minute into the second half after Michael Withers had knocked on straight from the Bradford were suddenly on

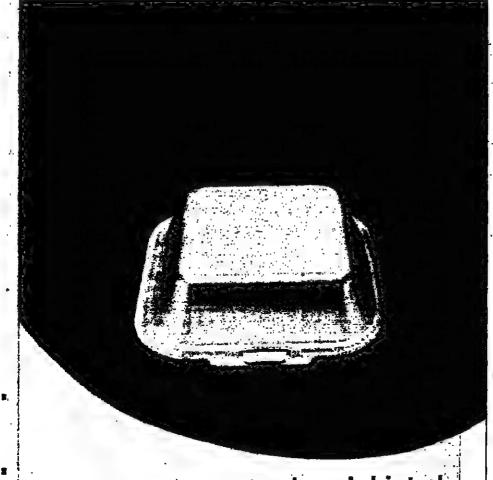
ther intervention by McNamara to settle matters. He threw only the faintest of dummies but the defence opened up invitingly and the loose forward charged through for a 58th-minute try which took all the sting out of Wakefield's revival. James Lowes, the hooker, added a fourth try with ten minutes remaining.

ford coach, said: "It was an ugly match in ugly conditions and we didn't adapt well enough to the wind and the wet. But all credit to Wakefield who showed great character. But we didn't do the

smart things very well today." Bradford's scrum half. Paul Deacon, retired at half-time with a leg injury after landing three kicks at goal and Paul also received an injury, which forced him to leave the field in the second half.

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BRADFORD BULLS: M Webers, T Vakora, D Peacock, S Naylor, N McAvoy, H
Paul, P Descort, B McDermont, J Lowes, S
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Bromsgrove win in usual style

By JOHN GOODBODY

THERE is little disputing the recent dominance of Broms-grove at under-18 girls' hockey. Yesterday, in the rain and gusts of Milton Keynes, they took the British Aerospace national title for the third successive year with a performance of consummate maturity.

Last year they beat the other four regional winners in the finals by scoring 18 goals and conceding none with a team that included Lucilla Wright. the full England international. This season, they have Sally Walton and Jane Allen, who have both represented England schools, as well as three German age-group internationals who are studying at the Worcestershire school for a

The cumulative effect has been impressive. Last Wednesday they warmed up for this tournament by drawing 0-0 with Cambridge University, who were virtually at full strength. Already winners of the national under-18 indoor title this season, Bromsgrove had few evident weaknesses yesterday as they completed a unique double of national championships.

They successively beat Arnold School, Blackpool, Wycombe High School, and King's Canterbury, all by 3-0. In the last game of the round they won 4-0 against Millfield. who earlier had been beaten 3-0 by Wycombe but had looked the most likely challengers to Bromsgrove.

Eight of the Bromsgrove goals were scored by the longstriding Walton, who plays as an advanced striker and who also had near misses with some deft reverse-stick shots. "Another day they would have



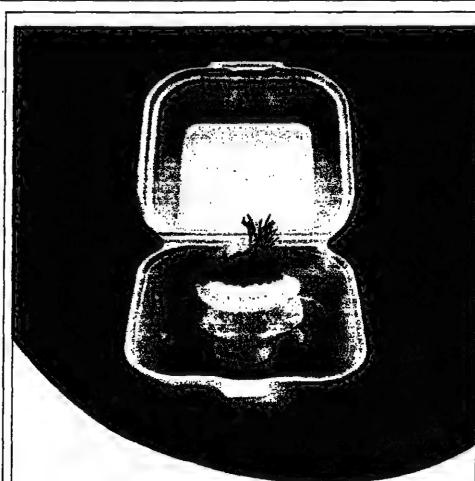
gone in," she said afterwards. 'It was a real team performance from us but having the three Germans made it all

The trio of Ulrike Patschkowski, Luisa Leisewitz and Laura Lembke gave an impetus to the team because of their physical presence and the difficulty opponents found in getting the ball away from them. They are part of a group of 28 Germans attending the independent school this year, although they do not receive

any sports bursaries.
Caroline Ralph, the
Bromsgrove team manager. said: "We got better and better as the day went on. The success of the under-18s has been the result of the girls playing together in the younger age groups and the results coming to fruition at senior

level. "We are almost there with the under-los. "The programme is coming through so that we have a concrete package at all age levels. It is a long-term process."

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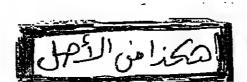
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Dunwoody shows fighting spirit

FIVE years ago. Racing Post Chase day at Kempton pro-duced no fewer than eight Chehenham Festival winners. While there might well have been one or two trials on Saturday that signposted the way to profit in the Cotswolds where the delirium commences a formight tomorrow - perhaps the most significant test this year was passed on two legs rather than four.

Richard Dunwoody, who gave Dr Leunt an immaculate ride to win the Racing Post Chase, has rather given the im-

RICHARD EVANS

Nap. LAST OPTION (3.30 Newcastle) This progressive hunter chaser beat Double. Thriller last season and

looks well treated for his NB: Chevalier Errant (200 Newcastle)-Thunderer found Go Infor-mol.[14-1] for the Armshair Ist-vestor on Saturday and is-cluded Good Heart [72-1] among five Haydock winners.

pression in recent weeks that he is prey to some inhibition of body or soul.

Much the ugliest symptom had emerged at Ascot the previous Saturday, when a weighing-room scuffle with Mick Fitzgerald tarnished the gracious reputation of both men, merited equally in and out of the saddle.

They have evidently put their spat behind them and the temptation to dramatise the episode has been sensibly resisted by others, too. The stewards, for instance, turned a discreetly blind eye.

Between two such senior jockeys, it was a telling measure of the stresses of their peril-

SATURDAY'S

RESULTS

Kempton Park

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2.45 1 Young Konny (9-1), 2, Fidding Tho Facts (6-1 co-tax), 3, Him Of Praise (7-1) Earthmover, Eudope, General Walle, Island Crost 6-1 co-tax 13 am.

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Havdock Park

Going: soft (heavy in places) 1.15 1, Simply Gilled (5-4 key, Thunderer's nep), 2, Rapid (16-1), 3, Navarro Santon (11-1) 9 ran



Dr Leunt and Dunwoody take control in the Racing Post Chase at Kempton on Saturday

ous business. Sometimes, grievances forged in the heat of racecourse battle are most effectively doused by primitive means, to the superficial cost

of hissing and steam. Even so, the incident surely compromised Dunwoody's standing among his colleagues. Its larger context compounded concern about the former champion, whose talent is so justly treasured. An old arm injury was revived by a fall in January, and he has had one or two other nasty crash landings recently. He is heroically brave, make no mistake, with an unerly intransigent attitude to pain. For what-

ever reason, however, he has

Timekeeper's too rating: 3.30 SNIPER.

2.00 ADVENT RACECOURSE CATERING MAIDEN HURBLE

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2.00 Ralvue

3.00 Durano

GOING: GOOD

(£2,463: 2m) (22 runners)

2.30 Fen Terrier

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3.30 SNIPER (nap)

4.00 Charlie Banker

4.35 Dan De Man

TOTE JACKPOT MEETING

BETTING, 3-1 Checker Errari, 7-2 Sillymore, 4-1 Ranne 5-1 Patrias, 7-1 Causs, 10-1 Kanoma, 20-1 Tente Valley Dampins, 25-1 others,

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2.30 SV RUTTER HANDICAP CHASE (£3,695; 2m 4f) (11 fumners)

Long handicast Natio Natio 9-11, Nejvoy 9-11, Nachael's Oven 9-11. La Rimea 9-9

TRIFECTA RACE) (£1,700. 2m) (20 runners)

endured a thin time with winners of late, ending a barren sequence of 28 rides at Doncaster on Thursday. Though he will resent any

such inference, this recent lack of conviction could be attributable to two growing preoccupa-

TRAINERS

First there is Florida Pearl, of whom Ireland has such

crushing expectations in the Tote Cheltenham Gold Cup. This horse could provide ample incentive for Dunwoody. 35, to look forward to next season. On the other hand, disappointment might conceivably prompt him to wonder what lies beyond the other Immi-

nent junction in his career. His second success on Satur-

LEADERS OVER THE JUMPS **JOCKEYS** A P McCoy R Johnson M A Fitzgerald N Williamson

day, in the bumper, was his 83rd of the season and leaves him just 17 short of Peter Scudamore's all-time record for career wins.

Dunwoody has already revealed the business acumen to keep him profitably busy when he does choose to retire. For now, happily, he can legitimately claim to preserve both his princely talent and the hunger that sustains it. The broad smile that Dr Leunt restored to his face reflected his satisfaction at riding the biggest winner so far trained by Philip Hobbs. Dunwoody asserted his prerogative to the inside rail and always had Dr Leunt jumping slickly in the van, while conserving enough to fight off The Land Agent in the closing stages. Dr Leunt now returns to Cheltenham, probably for the Cathcart Chase.

The same race is a possibility for Makounji after she cashed in on her preposterous allowances in the Mitsubishi Shogun Pendil Trophy. The Guinness Arkle Trophy is also under consideration by Nick Henderson, who shared two other Kempton winners with Fitzgerald to embellish their excellent season.

Henderson expects Katarino, favourite for the Elite Racing Club Triumph Hurdle, to be "a lot sharper" for his proficient rehearsal in the Voice Newspaper Adonis Juvenile

Not even Henderson's unerring touch, however, could elevate Fiddling The Facts from second place, for the third race running in the Greenalls Grand National Trial at Haydock. Young Kenny, the winner, was given a splendid ride by Brendan Powell - a man, notionally, even more in the evening of his career than Dunwoody. There is, quite obviously, plenty of life in the old

3.30 STARLEY CASINOS HANDICAP CHASE (£3,695: 3m) (8 runners)



BETTING: 5-2 Toni's Tip. 11-4 Commised Schedule. 7-2 Gale Force. 7-1 List Option, Stuper 12-1 others. 1998: ALY DALEY 10-11-3 E Callegina (10-1) J Howard Johnson 8 ran

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4.00 LADBROKE HURDLE (SHOWCASE HANDICAP)

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BETTING: 2-1 What A Tale, 7-2 The Butterwick Kid. 4-1 Springshid Scally, 5-1 Charlie Burker, 6-1 Abactale, 10-1 Topolisenorityacing, 12-1 Misry Class.

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hardle at Apr (2m, pad) (£2,931: 2m 4l) (7 runners)

BETTING: 4-6 Dan De Man. 7-2 Desant Hells, 7-1 Harden Glen, 10-1 Lip For Ransonns, 30-1 others. 1998: STAN'S YOUR MAN 8-11-2 B Storry (6-4 bar) Mrs J Gooderlow 10 iae

Distant Hills beat Henry Hussler 71 in 15 number novice chace at Seagn-land. (2m 51, pond). Charming Bloss pulled up in sovice chace at Apr (2m 51 110 st st), pondul Dan De Main 341 and 6 5 is Aphysiochida Gold in movice chace at Netson 13m Harden Gen 371 8th of 10 to Cateletown Downt in novice harden chace at Release 12m 110 cd, opon to soft, Harden Gen 371 8th of 10 to Cateletown Downt in novice harden chace at Cateletok (2m 31, soft). Judicious Charlie beater at Askinner 17th of 46 is all Cong in novice harden at Dancate (2m 110 cd, opon). Up For Parsonner 3 2nd of 17 to Bette Bustin in novice chase at Healton (3m 11, good). DAN DE MAN, disappointing last time, should still prove too strong for Distant Hills

5.05 DONCASTER BLOODSTOCK SALES/EBF MARES STANDARD OPEN NH FLAT RACE (£1,564; 2m) (15 runners)

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3.00 NORTHERN COMPUTER FAIR SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE (TOTE

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Direct Route bid in balance

DIRECT ROUTE, a leading contender for the Queen Mother Champion Chase at the Cheltenham Festival on March 17, is not certain to run. Howard Johnson's Tingle Creek winner broke a

blood vessel when finishing fourth to Teeton Mill in the Mitsubishi Shogun Ascot Chase nine days ago.

"We haven't had a saddle on him since Ascot," Johnson said yesterday. "He's just out in the field. I don't know what to do about Cheltenham with him at the moment. He'll start cantering again this week and then I'll know a bit more. He lost a lot of weight at Ascot and we are only just getting it back on him. He's still in at Cheltenham and we'll try and get him there but it's not the be all and end all."

Pritchard takes honours

POINT-TO-POINT BY CARL EVANS

JULIAN PRITCHARD took Saturday's riding honours when landing a treble at the North Herefordshire's Whitwick Manor meeting.

Pritchard, 31, who lives nearby at Ledbury and who has been national champion rider for the past two seasons. leapt into second place in the table with nine winners, one behind the leader, Ben Pollock, who achieved a single success on Tombola at the

Essex Farmers meeting.

A competitive person, Pritchard rued the winners that got

away. "It should have been six," he said, reflecting on an additional two second places and a fall when on his way to victory in the maiden.

His three wins came on Cruise A Hoop (3-1), who brushed aside Better Future (4-6) in the 14-runner men's open. Capstown Bay (5-4) and Blue Rosette (5-4), who took divisions of the restricted race the first two were for trainer Nickie Sheppard and the third for the rider's mother, Gill.

Cruise A Hoop, whose fast and flat jumping is ideally suited to point-to-point fences, is a consistent horse and his defeat of Better Future was less of a shock than the eclipse of Apatura King at the Hursley Ham-

bledon meeting. With Lord Relic absent after being pinched by a farrier's nail. Apatura King was sent off the odds-on favourite but faded into fifth as Buonarotti (7-1) raffied to peg back The Bold Abbot. The winner was completing a double for Katie Buckett, the Hampshire trainer, who also saddled Forest Musk to land the hunt race.

PEUMPTON

2.20 Anns Girl. 2.50 Polar Flight. 3.20 Strong Tel.

3.50 Doctor Bravious. 4.25 Whippers Delight. 4.55 My Tem.

GOING: GOOD TO SOFT 2.20 HEADWAY HURSTWOOD PARK MAIDEN HURDLE (£2,653; 2m 1f) (13 runners)

2.50 PARAFIX TAPES AND CONVERSIONS LTD NOVICES HURDLE (£2,548: 2m 4l) (14)

11-10 Pota Fagik, 11-4 Genstone 8-1 Pounstey Mill, 10-1 Alona, The Red Rector. 14-1 Worde Wonder 16-1 Shalalong Phota, 25-1 others.

3.20 HEADWAY HURSTWOOD PARK NOVICES CHASE (£2,819: 3m 1i 110yd) (4)

3.50 LADBROKES LAST RACE HANDICAP HURDLE

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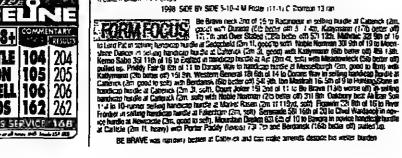
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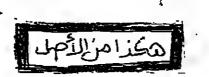
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To the mill. Another eventful

walk, now through fine rain and a rising breeze. Snowdrops were out

under an ageing oak. A heap of matted feathers told of disaster for

something and triumph for some-

thing else: nature as red as ever in

tooth and beak. A formation of ducks flighted downwind, like an arrowhead homing. A line of young willows marked a short

reach of bank, their shoots so red

that they made each tree glow. Close-up in the rain, every twig was

threaded with half-moons of cut

The mill looked great and the

mill-pools awesome. In one direc-

tion there were swims that looked

made for barbel. In the other, sitting like a garden gnome under a green umbrella, an old hand was

leaning back in his chair, watching

reduce the flooding had ruined the

bottom and now there weren't

enough waterfleas to feed the little

fish. Fewer little fish meant fewer big fish, he explained — but if I put in the hours I would get the results.

he could promise me that.

I took a look at the big bends up-

stream - at the Log Swim, at Blue

Bridge Pool and at somewhere else

- then paused under an ancient

tree to look around. There was a

brush of wings and a great bird sud-

denly broke cover above my head and wafted noiselessly away. What

a treat: a barn owl so close that I could have touched it with a rod-

end. I had a wonderful view of it,

saw its dished eyes clearly, saw

clearly the pale honey of its back before the bird showed its belly and

I watched the owl out of sight

then turned back to the car. I did

not hurry. By the time I was into it

and scrunching down the track, I

was as relaxed and mellow as any day has left me. It had been a full

day's fishing — almost — even without the rod. Piscator non solum pis-

cutur. Just being near a river-can

☐ Brian Clarke's column appears

on the first Monday of each month

instantly turned white.

e had fished this river

for 40 years. It was

good but not what it

used to be. Dredging to

When there's more to fishing than fish

Brian Clarke finds

that a watching

brief on new waters can pay dividends

he motto of a club that I belong to is Piscator non solum piscatur. It more or less translates as "there is more to fishing than fish". Roderick Haig-Brown, the great English writer who lived in America, went further. He suggested that fishing might just be an excuse to be near rivers.

Anyone who has held a rod for a season or two will agree with the first. Last week, exploring a new piece of water that I will be fishing this year, I came close to believing the second. I had gone to get my bearings: to relate the plan on the map to the view from the bank; to dip myself into the sights and sounds; to drool just a little. So I took no rod,

It was a splodging walk. The river had been over its banks for weeks and had just slid back. Pools were winking from the meadows like scattered coins. The grass was laid flat as though by a wind. The debris of the flood was all around — trapped in trailing branches or left high and dry where the water had dropped it.

The first place I came to was a shallow bay. Bird tracks and animal tracks marked pathways around the margins. A sudden movement smudged my eye and I half-glimpsed fur. It crossed the ground between a couple of fallen branches and melted between them. It had been low and fluid, had been there and gone so quickly that I might have imagined it. A pity that I hadn't. A mink. Damn.

A little upstream, a willow had fallen over the water. It was massively tangled, so dense that it pushed the heavy water into the far bank. Beyond the tree's end, the river raced. Behind the tree in summer, there would be slow water. A crinkle on the surface would mark the divide. Fish would be able to lie in the slow water and dine on the food that the fast water dropped.

The crinkle would be an excellent place for chub, dace, roach, trout—you name it. Barbel might lie out in the current. There would be at least one pike in the calm behind the branch. It would lie there, cold as a mortuary slab, waiting for a victim, its fins turning and idling, its tailedge crinkling, ready to move forward like an aimed shadow, ready



One to bank on: catching a prized predator will bring smiles, but sometimes just being near to a river may be enough to satisfy an angler

to gather itself for its ravening

Further upstream, I startled a snipe. A heron laboured overhead, tilted a little, bent its wings over curves of air and glided down them into the near middle-distance. The pennants of last year's sedges streamed in a non-existent wind.

loe in a puddle crunched underfoot.

I had been told about the Bailey bridge. It crossed the top of one of the beats that Is reserved for trout fishing. The water slid under the bridge and widened into a great sweep of pewter, rumpling and racing. In summer it would be shallow enough to wade. Sometimes, I had

'There would be at least one pike behind the branch, lying cold as a mortuary slab, waiting for a victim'

been told, great fish were taken from this stretch, mostly at last

I stood on the bridge and looked downstream. The world faded. I could feel the warmth of June and see the sun going low and the ripe-for-mating flies gauzing the sir. Broad backs would break the surface and rings ebb out. That will

be the wading line, if the bottom is good. The likely casting points would be there and there. I smiled. All nonsense, of course. When the river dropped, its character would change utterly and there would be no real telling where the fish would be. Still, I got two just by day-

> aming. turned downstream ar

crossed to the carrier that has the hatches in the middle. A beer can turned in endless circles in a vortex behind one of the gates. An oink of Canada geese wafted overhead. Two fallow deer, wearing their white hearts on their rumps, appeared from behind a bush and bounded away.

The carrier is trout-only, as well. It looked as though it was going to be early-season water with only the upper part holding fish when the river had dropped. I hoped that summer would prove me wrong, which would sult me fine. The fishing was going be upstream fly only, which suited me ditto.

BOXING

Dunne's talents shown on Holiday

By Srikumar Sen boxing correspondent

COLIN DUNNE made new friends as he was finally given the exposure on television to prove his worth. The four milion viewers who watched him on ITV on Saturday night cannot have failed to see what a crowd-pleaser the World Boxing Union lightweight champion is. Dunne took on Phillip Holiday, of South Africa, who many thought to be well above his class — and beat him out of

Holiday was only able to impose his much-vaunted technical superiority in short bursts and had to keep moving forward in the hope of wiping out the points deficit. As a result, the bout moved to an exciting conclusion with the crowd on its feet as Holiday tried to find a big punch and Drugge procused to give way.

Dunne refused to give way.

After receiving a cut just below his hairline in the fifth
round. Holiday seemed to lose
his earlier sharpness and concentration as blood poured
steadily down his fare. The ring
doctor said that the flow of
blood was not getting in his
eyes and so it would not have
been proper to stop the contest.
Dunne took full advantage.

Dunne took full advantage.

The aim of Dunne's manager, Terry Toole, is to now get his boxer a contest that will make some money. John Hyland, the promoter, was hoping to make a match with Billy Schwer, the European champion. However, Mickey Duff, Schwer's manager, said that, as Schwer had a chance to challenge for the WBC title, Dunne would have to wait.

Referring to the gash Holiday sustained, and no doubt the fact that Schwer tends to cut easily, Duff parried Hyland's offer. "Dunne is dangerous with his head," he said. "With the world title fight in the offing for Schwer, it would be an unnecessary fight to take."

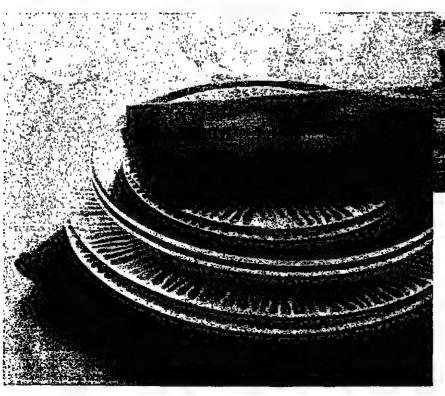
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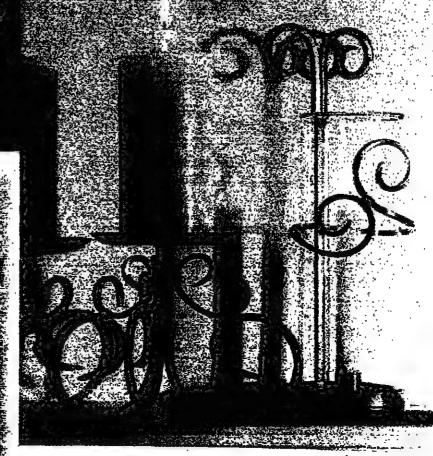
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Sri Lanka v India

COLOMBO (final day of five). Sn Lanka

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SRI LANKA: First Innings

BADMINTON BANDAR SERII BEGAWAN, Brusset-World Grand Prix finals: Ment Singlest Semi-finals: P G Christensen (Den) wo Ong Eve Hock (Malaysia) Sun Jun (China) bt Y Hock Kin (Malaysia) 15-12, 17-15. Pisalt-Sun Jun br Christensen 15-11, 15-8 Doubles: Pinalt-O Kantono and B Ariantho (Indo) bt T Gurawan and H Halm (Indo) 15-11, 5-15, 15-11. Women: Singles: Semi-finals: Da Yun (China) bt Gong 2richao (China) 11-0, 11-6, 2hang Ning (China) bt Ye Zhaoying (China) 11-1, 2hang Ning (China) to Ye Zhaoying (China) 11-1, 11-6, Pinalt Zheng Ning bt Dal Yun 11-8, 11-7 Doubles: Finalt Ge Fei and Gu Jun (China) wo Thomsen and Olsen (Den) Mixed Doubles: Semi-finals: K Dong-moon and M Tunur (Indo) 15-7, 15-4 5 Archer and J Goode (Eng) bt M Sogaard and R Olsen (Den) 15-9, 33-15, 15-11 Pinalt Dong Moon and Kyung-min bt Archer and Goode 15-6, 15-9 **BOWLS** EGITER: EWIBA Indoor championships: Unbadged pairs: Semi-finate: C Andarson and L Ryan (Prince Arthur) to A Rectheed and S Chitton (York) 24-21; P Peachey and M Reeve (Bentham) to J Noyes and J Gazzon (Wealden) 25-13. Finat: Anderson and Ryan to Peachey and Reeve 22-20. Under-S1 stages Chamber and Rever Chamber) to Hobbo (Metion and Delirot) 21-16. D Tablot (Barnsley Methodome) to L Whitehead (Acle) 21-3. S Seymour (City of Br) to S Registon (Destorough Northerns) 21-14. C Achtry (Eastbourne) to H Staptsford (Metion and District 21-20. Semi-finate: Tabol to Hewes 21-13. Ashiby to Seymour 21-15 BOXING BETHNAL GREEN: WBU lightweight title: C Dunne (Holloway and Lverpool, holder) or P Holday (SA) prs. WBU light-flyweight little: H Makepula (SA, holder) of L, Trejo (Max) prs.

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CHYSTAL PALACE: Surrey Indoor championships: Mon: 60m; J Wood (Herne Hill) 5 99c; 80m hurdles: S Porter (Suton) 8.9 Pole vasili: K Whuk (Croydon) 2 70m Long Jumps N Brant (Epsom and Evell) 5 44m
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(Albertville) 17:39, 3, N Gohoon (Albertville) 17:49 Teamset 1, North Belliss 29pt. 2, Al-bertville 44, 3, Williowhield 46, Junifor men (6 maes) 1, A McCullicuting (Month Beltest) 36:33, 2, N Lyfe (Royal Uleter Constabutory) 35:57, 3, J Dovey (Williowhield) 38, 11 Teamset 1, North Beltast 79; 2, Williowhield

Track and field

AUCKLAND (second day of five, New Zea-land won toss) South Amca have scored 562 for five wickers against New Zealand ATHLETICS 102: 3, Lagan Valley 114 Junior women 125 miles; 1, J Sharmon (Lagan Valley) 17:17; 2, C McDonald (Lagan Valley) 18:03, 3, S-J Gimey (Alberthiel 18:18 Teams Lagan Valley 12; Under-13 boya (1 mile; 1, A Dandson (Alberthiel) 6:04; 2, P Lynas (Craignavon) 6:20; 3, D O Doheny (St Columb 5 School) 6:24 Teams: 1, Lagan Valley 50, 2, Coleraine Institue 80; 3, Sparia 81 Under-13 girls; (1 mile) 1, C Robb (Craignavon) 6:36, 2, L Freel (Lagan Valley) 6:45, 3, C Gurrey (Lagan Valley) 6:45, 3, Sparia 42.

COULSDON: Men's Surrey Cross Course Course Course (1) 15:50 miles; 1, Lagan Valley) 6:45, 3, Sparia 42.

3, Sparta 42.
COULSDON: Men's Survey Cross Country League (5 miest) First division: 1, S. Haughan (Hounslow) 27mm 27sec, 2, M. Simpson (Hounslow) 28(9, 3, D. Taylor (Heme Hall) 28.24. 4 W. Odonough (Tharres) Hare and Hounds; 28 51. 5, I van Wys, Mercules Wimbledon; 30 33. 9, D. Naylor (Themes Hare and Hounds; 23 14. Teams; 1, Tharmes Hare and Hounds; 23 14. Teams; 21, Tharmes Hare and Hounds; 124 Teams; 271, Veterant H. Jones, (Ranslagh) 30 31. Over-Str. C. Dicturson, (Belgrave) 32:45. Final standings: 1, Tharmes Hare and Hounds; 1,043. 2, Heme Hall, 13; 3, Belgrave; 1,635, Individual champions; 5 Major (South London Harners) 25. Gouth London Harners 25
LLCYO PARK, Croydon: Women's Servery League (6 Sm) First division: 1, A Wood South London Harners 20mm 54sec, 2, M Clark (Tharner, Hare and Hounds) 21.26, Tseams: 1, South London Harners 51bts; 2, Herne Hall 53, 3, Tharnes Hore and Hounds 79 Velbran swar-45; M Clark (Herne Hall 21.32 Final standings: 1, South London Harners 33; 2, Herne Hall 53, 3, Tharnes Hare and Hounds 30 Second division: 1, Evipon (Heroutes Wimbledon) 21.38, 2, Shockert (Dulwich Park Runners) 21.47, 3, C May (Guidford and Godalman) 22.03, Teams: 1, Belgrave 57, 2, Stragglers 93, 3, Dulwich Park Runners 15 Velbrant, M Statham (Holand Sports) 22.45 Fixed standings: 1, Belgrave 66; 2, Stragglers 61, 3, Dulwich Park Runners 59 Promoted to first division: Belgrave and Stragglers.

Cross country

NAIROB: IAAR World Cross Chellenges
Men (135m) 1, P. Koech (Kerl 38mn)
35sec, 2, P. Tergat (Kerl 36,43, 3, 8 Barmaza (Kerl) 38 47, 4, T. Nyaria (Kerl) 32,48, 5,
R. Evans (Kerl) 36,49, 6, P. Nub (Kerl) 37:00
Leeding standings: 1, Koech 80pls; 2,
Nyaria 4, 3, M. Mourit (Berl) 57, 4, Tergat
47, 5, J. Nyotoo (Kerl) 32; 6, H. Mekonari (Eth)
36 British placing: 14, J. Brown (Shefhed)
19 Women (Burr) 1, A. Kiprop (Kerl) 27mn
48sec, 2, J. Ornor (Kerl) 28; 17, 3, J. Ngotho
(Kerl) 22,25, 4, N. Mugo (Kerl) 23; 7; 5, R.
Chepkosch (Kerl) 28;43, 8, J. Ekimst (Kerl)
28;54, Lauding standings: 1, G. Warn
(Eth) 84;sts 2, A. Sandoff (Frit 69, 3, J. Masanga (Kerl) 67, 4, 2 Cusazz (Mort) 50, 5, N.
Rocha (Mest) 48, 6, L. Malot (Kerl) 44 Britlett: 9, P. Radchifo (Bedford) 34
BANGOR: Northern Ireland chaespion-Stragglers.
CRAWLEY: Suspen: League: Men (5 miles) 1, P Davoron (Brogners and Hovel 26 miles) 1, P Davoron (Brogners and Hovel 26 mil 33 sec. 2, P Suspen (Mustram Harness) 26 St. T. Sugant (Mustram Harness) 26 St. Teatram: 1, Broghton and Hovel 28 09 Final standings: 1, Broghton and Hovel 28 0, 24 4, 2 Crastey 409, 3, Onchester Runners 656 individuals: 1, A Roberson (Horsham Blue Sun) 2, S Macount (3 miles) 1, W Holdon (Loradrey) 15 Wesser (3 miles) 1, W Holdon (Loradrey) 15 Wesser (3 miles) 1, W Holdon (Loradrey) 15 (12 g. R. Adams (Horsham Blue Sun) 27 (11, 3, J Hardwick (Hassham Sun) 25 (11, 3, J Hardwick (Hassham Sun) 27 (11, 3, J Hardwick (Hassham Sun) 25 (11, 3, J Hardwick 2 nom Blue Star) 27 11, 3, J Hardwick (Hast-ings Runners) 27.29 Townes; J, Aerica 80 35, 2, Binghton and Hove 42; 3, Haisham Humers 67 Final standings; 1, Aerica 80 118, 2, Brighton and Hove 218, 3, Haisham Hemers 288 5, Individuals; 1, Holpen 4, 2, Adams 9, 3, 1 Owen (Arena 80) 12

Portiano Seatte Phoens LA Lakers Golden Stale Sacramento LA Cippera CAMBRIDGE LENT RACES MEN: First divisions LMBC bpd 1st and 3rd fronty, Emmanuel bpd Churchs, Robinson bpd Magdalene, Clare bpd Pombroke, Selwyn bpd Outered, St Caharine's bpd Peterhouse First positions: 1, Castry 2, LMBC, 3, 1st and 3rd Innly, 4, Jeans, 5, Christ's, 6, Downing, 7, Emmanuel, 8, Churchill, 9, Tringly Hall, 10, Fitzwilliam, 11, Robinson, 12, Magdalene, 13, Clare, 14, Pembroke, 16, Selwyn, 16, Outered, 17, St Catharine's Second divisions St Catharine's bpd Girton, King's bpd LMBC it bpd Corpus Christic Churchill it bpd Clare 9, Castral it bpd Schrey Susses, LMBC it bpd Corpus Christic Churchill it bpd Clare 9, Castral 15 bpd Clare 18, Castral 19 bpd Clare 11, Peterhouse, 2, Girton, 3, king 5, 4, LMBC III, 5, Cutons III, 6, CCAT, 17, Pentholo III, 10, Thrity Hall 81, 11, LMBC III, 12, Corpus Christic 13, Josus III, 14, Churchill II, 15, Cutons III, 16, CCAT, 17, Pentholo III, 17 hind divisions Emmanuel III bpd Schron II Dawnin bpd Downing III Selections Christic III, 17, Robinson III Dop Prickhouse II, 1st and 3rd Trinty III bpd Garton II Dawnin bpd Downing III Selections Christic III, 17, Robinson III, 5, Schwin III, 6, Petanliam III, 17, Robinson III, 8, Schwin III, 9, Magdalene II, 10, 1st and 3rd Trinty III bpd Schon II, 15, Charliame 8, III, 17, Homerton Fourth divisions Pring's II brod Schey Sussey II, LMBC IV, bpd Carle III II St Catharine 8, III CCAT II bpd Trinty Hall III, Castr IV bpd Schery Sussey II, LMBC IV bpd Carle III III St Catharine 8, III CCAT III bpd Carle III CCAT III Del Carle II

Edmund's, LMBC V bpd Richreson III. Final positions: 1, Queens' III. 2, King's III. 3, Schrey Sussel II. 4, LMBC VI. 5, Care Hall, 6, Caus III. 7, 15 and 3rd Trinty IV: 8, Chris's III. 9, St Carbarnet's III. 10, Clare III. 11, Caus III. 7, 15 and 3rd Trinty IV: 8, Chris's III. 9, St Carbarnet's III. 10, Clare III. 11, Caus IV. 15, St Edmund's. 16, LMBC V. 17, Robreson III. 18, Lesus IV. Women: First divisions Caus bpd St Carbarnet's. Downing bpd New Hall, Fizzel-kam bpd Care Final positions: 1, Trinty Hall. 2, Errimanuel, 3, Perintroke 4, Jesus 5, Queens, 6, Newham, 7, Christ's, 8, LMBC, 9, Churchil, 10, 1st and 3rd Trinty Hall. 2, Errimanuel, 3, Perintroke 4, Jesus 5, Queens, 6, Newham, 7, Christ's, 8, LMBC, 9, Churchil, 10, 1st and 3rd Trinty H1. Caus. 12, St Carbarnes, 13, Downing, 14, New Hall, 15, Fitze-klam, 16, Clare, 17, CAT Second divisions Schroev Susson bpd Gerton, king a bpd LMBC, III. 6, Nosmon bpd Peterhouse, Oueens III bed St Carbarne s III Final positions: 1 Serwar 2, Schoys Susson, 3 Gerton, 4, Magalaere 5, Jesus III. 6, King s 7, LMBC III. 8, Robertson, 9, Corbus Christian C. Errimanuel II. 11, Newhamm III. 2 Violitan, 13, Hemerica II. 7, Serbarne s II. Third divisions CAT 6 bpd Clare Hall Churchel II bpd Homenon III. The Vet Sechol S Luc Cavendar Fernitrolio III bpd Caus III. 13 Hall III. 13, LMBC III. 17, Third Vet Sechol S Luc Cavendar 9 Perintrole III, 12, Sewyn II. 13, LMBC III. 17, Griffon III. 18, Newtham III.

CEADING SCORPESS: 214: 3 Gouch (Con-corp. 7 has 3 conversions 37 cerully years 187: 5 fuculate ricests. 3, 23c. 20c; 168: 8 Eassen Reseir R. 36s; 17pg 163: 1 Griffien (Waterbox 2: 18c. 30cg 13c; 1 Griffien (Waterbox 4: 22c 2-leg) 13c; 1 Griffien (Waterbox 4: 22c) 13c; 1 Griffien (Waterbox 4: 22c) 1 Griffien (Waterbox 4: 22c)

Jewson National League

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Donna Kennedy, of Scotland, and Teresa Andrews, of England, contest a lineout in the

women's rugby union international at Richmond. England won 34-7. Report, page 34

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WOMEN'S REGIONAL LEAGUES: EastBusharts 1 Severnalis 2 Dereham 2
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NATIONAL LEAGUE (NHL): Friday: Tompa Bey 4 Philadelpha 1, Derror 5 Fonda 5 New York Rangers 3 Procents 0, Checago 1 Los Angels 2, Dallas 6 Pristourph 4, Celgary 2 St Lous 4 Edmonton 6 Buffalo 3, Varroouver 1 Carolina 0, Anathema 3 San Jose 1 Saturday: Boston 4 Westhington 3, Montreal 4 Ottawa 1, New York Islanders 3 Detror 1, Toronto 4 Florida 1 Colorado 3 Nashville 1, Edmonton 2 Carolina 2, San Jose 1 Anathem 4

FOR THE RECORD

FAUL OF WOXETS 1-8, 2-8, 3-38, 4-42, 5-73, 6-98, 7-99, 8-101, 9-109

SCMUNG Glisspe 6-1-22-2. Shaw 6-0-15-0 Martin 7-1-32-2. McSumming 9-1-27-1, Franklin 8.3-0-39-2. Umpres A Hall and M MacLean

TOUR MATCH: Port of Spain first day of lour; West Indies President's x1 177 (D Joseph 64, 5 McG& 6-45), Australians 73-1

CYCLING

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ICE HOCKEY

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One-day international New Zealand Under-19 ▼

Total 7411
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-0, 2-140, 3-156, 5-169, 8-170, 7-171, 8-177, 9-199
BOWLING Tromas 16-9-48-3, Finish 15-6-2-0, Maddy 3-0-8-0, Frants 4-0-11-0, Swarm 16-3-33-2, Cosker 25-3-8-57-5, Vaughtan 7-9-18-0, Umphres S & Lambson and C School

England Under-19
HAMILTON (England Under-19 won loss),
New Zealand Under-19 bear England Under-19 by 84 runs

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NEW ZEALAND UNDER-19

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J McKlemee st Walace b Haywood .

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J Frankin nun out
I P McGleshen b Symingson .

B Marsh b Logen .

Total (7 wide, 45 overs) 231

M GReson and H Shaw did not bel

FALL OF WORLTS 1-36, 2-26, 3-101,

+102.5-146, 6-192, 7-198

BOWLING Bulbeck 9-0-42-1, Logan
9-0-50-1, Herwood 9-0-35-2 Brogo-9-1-34-0;
Dawson 4-0-29-0, Symington 5-0-39-1,

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L KNusener, † M V Boucher, A A Donald and P R Adams to bet

FALL OF WICKETS 1-76, 2-97, 3-290. 4-354, 5-495

BOWLANG Doubt 28-8-85-1: Allott 33-5-133-1. Nach 28-2-97-0; Venon 42-8-120-1: Harms 43-9-85-2: Michilian 3-0-19-0, Asibe 9-1-30-0

NEW ZEALAND: M J Horne, M D Bell FIG Twose C D McMillan, N J Astle, C Z Harns, † A C Parcry, *D J Nach, D L Vetton, S B Doull, G I Allott.

Gauteng v England A

WANDERERS (final day of tour) England A beat Gautlang by len wackels

ENGLAND A: First innings 447-9 dec. (A First loft 145. "M P Vaughan 76, D L Maddy 73)

Second innings

GALITENG: First Innings

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-31 2-91, 3-91, 4-155, 5-194, 6-208, 7-260, 8-261, 9-261

BOWLING. Thomas 22-4-48-2; Franks 15-4-35-0 Swann 26-5-6-77-5; Coslear 26-83-2; Finted 9-1-21-0; Maddy 6-3-11-0

BASKETBALL

EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP: Semi-B-nal group C: Israel 79 (Kalash 25, Scheller 14 Goodes 12) England 78 (Budanal 27, Hansel 14, Hastam B, Huggins B) Urraine 79 Belarus 67, Denmark 63 Spain 80

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DAIRYLEA DUNKERS ALL-STAR GAME:
North 156 South 158
NATIONAL LEAGUE (NEL): Mem: First division; Cardiff C 102 Solhuli 94, Coventry
95 Guidroff 107 Oxford 80 Mid, Sussen 84,
Westmenster 88 London T 91
NATIONAL LEAGUE (NBA): Priday: Toronto 102 Minnesora 95, Charlotte 97 Portland 95, Orlando 103 Incienta 100 (OT), Boston 94 New York 80, Detrort 95 Marin 93,
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94 Charlotte 77; LA Cloppers 74 Atlanta 103
Eastern Conference

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GAUTTENG: First Inhings
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Umpres. A S Dunne and D J Harper

D J Custinen not out "W J Cronje c Allott & Hams J N Rhodes c Twose & Hams

tras (b 4, lb 9, nb 2)

Total (5 wids).

Tour match

D & Maddy not out . . .

ROAD RACING: Farsham wheelers (Mechsicke, Harnshim, 58 miles). 1. J. Bayfield Flarrock). 2m 2ctrim, 2. G. Bayton (Amoree Vila), 3. M. Rogers (Amoree Vila), both same emit IMIE TRIALS: North Road CC Hardridders (Brootwers: Park. Hartlodshire. 2m rives). 1. G. Bulliar (Northodshire. 2m rives). 2. J. Ramsbotom (Harnods RT). 105:49; 3. R. Prebble (Team Clean). 106:12. Otlawa Toronto Buffalo Bosion Montreal Attantic division
Prisadelphia 30 16 13 182 131
New Jersey 32 20 8 177 153
Ptitsburgh 32 19 7 194 159
NY Rangers 24 28 7 183 165
NY fetanders 12 35 7 143 183 TUSCON OPEN: Leaders after three reveals (Interd States orless stated) 208: T Amour 70, 69, 67, B Chessman 71, 66, 69 207; M Wer 68, 72, 67, T Totes 66, 71, 71 208: B George 72, 89, 89, G Water (N2) 70, 69, 69, N Interlet 69, 69, 70, D Toms 68, 69, 71, N Pony 69, 69, 27, I Nely 68, 70, 22 G Herstedt (Swe) 67, 68, 73, Other scores: 210; J Doly 69, 70, 71, 212; A Lyle (CB) 68, 70, 74, GOLD COAST: LPDA Australian Masters: Leading final scores: 2362; K Webb (Fus) 63, 67, 64, 69, 2772; J Models (Sob) 67, 67, 71, 274; B Nerson (LS) 63, 69, 71, 65, 2772; J Creft or (Aust 88, 66, 71, 73, Other scores: 279; A Nicholas (Erg) 68, 70, 61, 77, 2882; H Dobtson (Eng) 72, 69, 70, 71, 292; C Mathrew (Sont) 70, 71, 69, 75, 2882; J Morky (Eng) 68, 72, 72, 74, 2872; L Dawas (Eng) 71, 72, 71, 73 Carolina 27 23 12 160 154
Ronda 22 22 16 153 159
Washington 24 30 5 149 156
Tampa Bay 13 41 5 123 211

Colorado Edmonton SEKONDA SUPERLEAGUE: Seturday: Brackvall Bees 5 Cardiff Devils 4, Shelfield Steelers 5 Newcastle Riverlangs 1, Notting-ham Panthers 5 Ayr Sootish Eagles 2. P W L DOL F A Pts Manchester 39 29 6 1 3 144 78 62 Cardiff 33 25 10 0 4 156 96 54 hottingham 40 24 13 1 2 134 127 51 Bractorel 39 17 16 2 4 132 138 40 Shaftan 39 17 17 3 2 136 128 39 Apr 38 16 17 3 2 122 127 37 Apr 38 16 17 3 2 122 127 37 Apr 38 16 17 3 2 122 127 37 Apr 38 16 17 3 2 104 14 26 London 36 9 23 2 4 104 169 24 MOTOR RALLYING

RENYA: Satari Railly: Final positions: 1, C McRee (GB, Fort) Bir 4 Imm 39 1995; 2, D Au-rol (Fr., Toyota) at 14min 26.2sec: 3, C Sant-(Sh, Toyota) 18 197; 2. Diqualified: 7 Matumen (Fin. Mitsubish) World championship standings: 1, Matumen 20th; 2, Aurol 13; equal 3, McRee and Sainz 10 ANDREW PARSON

ROWING

SEVILLE FISA Tasin Cup: British medal wisners: Satharday (1,000m) Gold: Ment Confess pairs: R finisher and S Trapmore (3min 1980;) Condess fours: J Crackrell S Redgame. E Cooke and M Prison (2.59) Lightweight fours: J Brown, J McNwon, D Lemon and J Warnook (3:00) Lightweight soulis: Nable (2:38). Women: Pairts C Brahop and D Blacke (3:41). Lightweight deubles: J Nisch and T Langlands (4:03). Silver: Ment: Eights (2:49). Bronze: Mene: Singles: S Goodbrand (3:42). Women: Singles: S Goodbrand (3:42). Women: Singles: S Winckess (3:57). Yesterday (5:00m): Gold: Men: Condess fours: (as Saturday, 1:29). Coudes paire: J Crackrell and S Redgawe (1:41) Eights (1:27). Lightweight fours (as Saturday, 1:49). Lightweight fours (as Saturday, 1:49). Lightweight scalls (as Saturday, 2:10). Bronze: Women: Lightweight doubles as Saturday, 2:03). Leading overall team positions: 1, Greel Britan (2005). Span 141. 3, Holland 111. **RUGBY LEAGUE**

Silk Cut Challenge Cup Fifth round Huddersfield 14 Salford 22 Huddersfield: Tries: Arnold, Lenhan Gaais: Goulding 3 Salford: Tries: Casey 2 Compton, Martin Goats: Blakeley J Art 4 992 Hull KR 0 London Try: Offiah Goel: Smyth Att: 3.300

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pon 2 Braction this Fieldsn, Lowes, McNemera, H Paul, Goels: Deacon 3, McNamara 2 Att: 7,385
Warrington 34 Halifey, 4 Warrington 34 Halifax 4
Warrington: Tries: Forster Hurre, Achie-Love, Penny, Roper. Goals: Briers 7 Hati-fax: Goals: Holroyd 2. Att: 5,102. Whitehaven 18 Oldhem Whitehaven: Tries: Seeds 2, Lo Goets: Hetherington 2, Kitchin, Goet: Brown Alt: 1,438

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BATTERSEA: Guardian Direct Cup: Singles: Semi-finate: G Rusedalu (GB) bit H Auaz (Mor) 6-2, 6-3 R Nraucek (Hof) bit T Johanson (Swe) 6-2, 6-4 Finate: Najicak bit Rusedalu 7-6, 6-7, 7-5 Doubles: Semi-finate: B Black (Zmi) and W Ferrena (SA) bit J Eagle and A Florent (Aus) 7-5, 7-6 T Henman (GB) and Rusedalu bit Y Fafethatov (Russ) and D Vacek (C2) 6-4, 6-4 PARIS INDOOR OPEN: Semi-finate: A Mauresmo (Fit bit D van Roost (Bd) 6-0, 7-6 S Williams (US) bit N Dechy (Fit) 6-1, 6-4 Finate Williams bit Mauresmo 6-2, 3-6, 7-6 OKLAHOMA: Super Thrift Classic: Semi-finate: V Williams (US) bit L Osterloh (US) 5-2, 6-3 A Coetzer (SA) bit A Noumhood (Russ) 6-4, 6-2

TENNIS

GUIDE TO THE WEEK AHEAD? TODAY FOOTBALL Kick-off 3.0 unless stated kird-off 7.30 unless stated FA Carfing Premiership Leicester v Leeds (8.0)...... Tennent's Scottish Cup Fourth round Clydebank v Dundee Utd THE TIMES FA YOUTH CUP: Fifth-round replay: Everton v Sheffeld Wednesday ARNOTT BUSURANCE NORTH LEAGUE: First division: Bedington Termany & Easington, Newcastle Blue Star v Morpeth Town. TOMORROW FOOTBALL

UEFA CUP: Querter-linals, first log: Alisti-co Madnd v AS Roma (8 30), Bologna v Ly-ons (4 30); Bordeaux v Parma (8 30), Mar-sailes v Cella Vigo (8 15) FA CARLING PREMIERSHIP: Tomerham y Southampton (7 45) NATIONWIDE LEAGUE: First divi MATIONWIDE LEAGUE: First division: Bringham v Noverhampton (7.45); Crews v Bristol City (7.45); Huddersfled v Boton (7.45); Ibswich v Watherspron (7.45); Crews v Bristol City (7.45); Huddersfled v Boton (7.45); Ibswich v Watherford (7.45); Port Valev Crimsby (7.45); Shelled Lild v Crystal Palaco (7.45); Sunderland v Portsmouth (7.45); West Bromach v Stockport (7.45); Second division: Bournerrouth v Fulham (7.45); Elistol Brovers v Wycombe (7.45); Cresterfield v Milwall (7.45); Marchesfield v Stoke (7.45); Northampton v Wireshem (7.30); Third divisione Darlington v Exetor (7.45); Layon Orient v Torquey (7.45); Author Crimt v Torquey (7.45); Author v T

SCOTTISH LEAGUE: Third clivis: Ross County v East String (3.0) OTHER SPORT ICE HOCKEY: Sekonda Superinegue London Knights v Manchester Storm (70)

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OTHER SPORT BASKETBALL: Budweiser League: Der-by Storm v Leicesler Rickets (B 0)

THURSDAY **FOOTBALL** EUROPEAN CUP WINNERS' CUP: Quer-ter-finals, first leg: Chelsea v Valerenga (7.45), Lokomotiv Moscow v Maccabi Haka (5.0), Panonios v Lazio (7.45); Vanska v Real Matorca (7.30)

OTHER SPORT ICE HOCKEY: Sekonds Superleague: London Knights v Cardiff Devils (7.0), New-castle Riverlungs v Bracknell Bees (7.15); Marchester Storm v Sheffield Steelers (7.0) FRIDAY

FOOTBALL NATIONWIDE LEAGUE: Third division: Caroli v Chester (7 30) RUGBY UNION

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OTHER SPORT BASKETBALL: Budwriser League: Greater London Leopards v Sheffield Stans. (7 0). Lecester Robers v Chester Jobs (7 30). London Towers v Derby Storm (7 30). Mauchester Gasnas v Newcasto Earples (7,10). Thames Valley Tigers v Milton Keynes Llons (8 0), Wortmay Bears v Bernergham Budtes (8 0). ICE HOCKEY: Seltonda Superiseque: Cardiff Devils v Ayr Scottish Eagles. (7 0)

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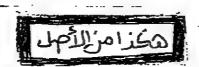
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Be it with flowers or hampers, pamper her

amily life has changed dra-matically over the past cen-tury and will continue to do so into the next, but on the eve of the millennium the dream of the perfect mother continues to hover on the edges of our lives. Because the role of motherhood is such an emotive one it is easy to place it on a pedestal and find fault with mothers who are thought not to measure up. Hardly a week goes by without

mothers who are single, mothers who work, mothers who are too old and those who are too young com-ing in for some form of criticism.

Even the celebration of Mother's Day, or Mothering Sunday, held on the fourth Sunday in Lent since the Middle Ages (this year it falls on March 14), was originally an on-erous one. It was the day on which the congregations of daughter churches honoured the mother church by visiting it in processions, carrying banners. After the Reformation this solemn celebration was transferred to honour the mother of the family.

There are no banners now, but whether you celebrate Mother's Day by serving her breakfast in bed, with freshly baked croisants (frozen beforehand, then slightly heated), a new honey or jam pot as a keepsake and a spray of flowers. or whether you organise a surprise

Susan MacDonald offers advice on what to buy for Mothering Sunday

and presents — such as hampers — available on the Internet.

If you live in or near East Lon-

don, the Sunday morning Columbia Road flower market is not only a lovely place to stroll around, but it

also provides a wonderful array of

plants and cut flowers at market

prices, and the street is lined with shops selling ceramic pots, garden and house ornaments and antique

Stylish transparent Perspex bowls and dishes can be filled with chocolates, nuts or fruit for the occa-

sion and it is easy to find brands of

bathroom toiletries that come in bot-

tles so elegant that they just cannot

be thrown away. There is also some

beautiful costume jewellery around
— this may be something she
thinks about buying but never gets

round to doing.

And if you find you are stuck

with buying flowers at the petrol station on Sunday morning, pur-chase a couple of bunches in the

same colour range and make them

into one large bunch. The idea of

the gift, whether large or small, is

mother can weigh heavy. After all,

to pamper and bring pleasure. The responsibility of being a

knickknacks.

trip to Venice for the weekend - a dream city for a much-loved mum - it is the honouring of her individual worth that counts.

Magazine articles abound with ideas on what to give. If she really has a sense of humour, there is a Swatch watch with the words "Dear mum. it's time to say thank

you" there on the face.

Lovely though presents are,

Mother's Day is not just about giving treats. It is also the day for letting her know how much she is valued and appreciated. Giving a com-plete fashion or facial makeover would be great, giving a new frying pan would not — unless it is one she would really love to have.

It is important to think seriously about what to buy, and to think ahead. Trying to order flowers the afternoon before Mother's Day can be a nightmare. Phone lines are often jammed and flowershops sold

Flowers Direct offers flowers not always available in this country, particularly at this time of the year, and Blooms By Post specialises in

Ordering is made easier by the number of Mother's Day flowers it is not a nine-to-five job. There is no retirement age and the nagging feeling that it could be done better never goes away.

ty, although the role alters dramati-cally as toddlers progress to adults. However much heart-strings are

tugged, mothers need to adapt.
The rules of motherhood aim impossibly high. Mothers should be there for their children while allowing them to live their own lives, extend a love so great that they do not feel deprived but not so encompass-ing that they feel smothered.

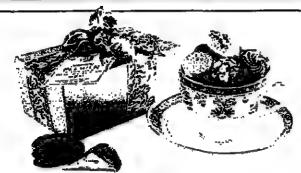
interfere but always be aware of what is going on, so as to offer the right advice when needed. up nor put down. Mothers should dress neither frumpishly nor garishly and not draw attention to themselves when picking children up from school.

A mother can relax and be her self once her children grow up, but she should never slack off in her role. The need for love, comfort and a shoulder to lean on continues, and becomes even more complicated when children become parents and mothers become grandmothers - another role and yet an-



Mother's Day is not just about giving gifts, but letting her know how much she is appreciated

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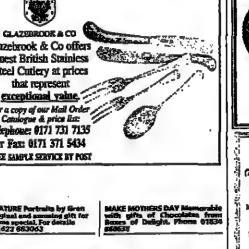
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Damages for breach of fiduciary duty

Nationwide Building Society v Various Solicitors (No 3) Before Mr Justice Blackburne

Judgment February 21 The correct approach to equitable compensation for breach of fiduciary duty, except where the fiduci-ary had acted dishonestly or in bad faith, was to assess what actual loss had resulted from the breach, having regard to the scope of the

The court could have regard to any inference which, on the evidence, could properly be drawn as to what would have happened if the fiduciary had performed his duty. Failing any such evidence. the beneficiary was entitled to be placed in the position he was in before the breach occurred. That assumed that the beneficiary could show that but for the breach of duty, he would not have acted in

way which had caused his loss Where, in order to establish a breach of fiduciary duty it was necessary to find that the fiduciary was consciously disloyal to the ben-eliciary, the fiduciary was disabled from asserting that the beneficiary contributed to the loss which he suffered flowing from the breach.

Mr Justice Blackburne so held in a reserved judgment in the Chancery Division when considering 12 claims of the plaintiff. Na-tionwide Building Society, against 12 firms of solicitors retained by it. inter alia, to investigate and report on title, for breach of common law duties, and, in some cases, breach of fiduciary duty.

The plaintiff made mortgage advances to 12 borrowers each of which was secured by a first charge over the borrower's proper-ty. The borrowers defaulted and on ised fell far short of the sum re-

quired to discharge the loan. In each case, the solicitor re-tained by the plaintiff to investigate and report on title also acted for the borrower in question. The cases exhibited unusual features discharge the borrower's expenses of the transaction by varying the

purchase price. The plaintiff sued the solicitors claiming that in breach of duty they had failed to disclose those features which if disclosed, would have led the plaintiff to withdray its offer of advance.

The duties alleged included express duties under the terms of the retainers, implied duties including a duty to inform the plantiff of any matters of which the solicitor was aware which a reasonably competent conveyancing solicitor would conclude might be relevant to the valuation of the property or some other aspect of the plaintiff's deci-sion whether to lend and if so how much, and breach of liduciary du-ties including the fiduciary's duty not to place himself in a position where his duties to his two principals conflicted.

The cases raised, inter alia, the question of the correct test for as-sessing equitable compensation where breach of fiduciary duty was

Mr Nicholas Patten, QC, Mr Timothy Higginson, Mr Ian Gan, Mr Tom Leach and Mr Michael Ptyor for Nationwide: Mr Nicho las Davidson, QC, Mr Jonathan Simpkiss, Mr Francis Bacon, Mr William Flenley, Mr Tony Oakley and Mr Spike Charlwood for the

MR JUSTICE BLACKBURNE said that one of the issues which had arisen was whether, where breach of fiduciary was alleged, the "what if" approach to assessing ages at common law was in point, that is, whether, assuming causation in the sense of a causal cunnection between breach and loss had been shown, it was relevant to establish what course of ac-tion the plaintiff would have followed if the solicitor had carried

out his dury. His Lordship extensively reviewed the authorities, including London Loan and Savings Compa-ny v Brickenden ((1934) 3 DLR 465) and Targer Holdings Ltd v Red-ferns (u Firm) ((1996) AC 421).

The latter case encouraged his Lordship to think that where, as in the instant cases, what was at issue was the consequence of a misrepre-sentation or non-disclosure made by the fiduciary which had caused the beneficiary to authorise the ap-plication of his moneys in a particu-

lar way, the only sensible ap-proach to the question of compensation for the consequences of the ntation or non-disclo sure was to consider what would have happened if there had been no misrepresentation or the appropriate disclosure had been ma Where the fiduciary had in-

duced the giving of authority by a statement which he knew to be untrue, it might be that the policy so clearly articulated in the speech of Lord Suyn in Smith New Court Se-curities Ltd v Scrimgeour Vickers (Asset Management) Ltd. [1997] AC 254) which applied in the case of common law deceit resulting in compensation assessed on the resitutionary or "but for" basis should apply to the question of compensa-

Short of that, his Lordship did not see why equity should close its eyes to what the beneficiary would have done if there had been no misrepresentation or the appropriate disclosure had been made.

The correct approach to equita-ble compensation for breach of fiductary duty, except where the fidu-ciary had acted dishonestly or in bad faith, was to assess what actu-al loss had resulted from the breach, having regard to the scope of the duty broken. The court could have regard to any inference which, on the evidence, could prop-erly be drawn as to what would have happened if the fiduciary had performed his duty.

Failing any such evidence, the beneficiary was entitled to be placed in the position he was in before the breach occurred. That assumed that he could show that but for the breach of duty, the beneficiary would not have acted in the way which had caused his loss. The view that Brickenden did not prevent a fiduciary from prov-

ing what the client beneficiary would have done if there had been no breach of fiduciary duty now apseared to prevail in the courts of New Zealand and Canada.

Those courts in recent cases had that, once breach of fiduciary dur was established through the failure of the fiduciary to disclose ma-terial lacis to the beneficiary, it was not open to the court to spec on the course the beneficiary would have taken had the duty been discharged.

it was nevertheless open to the fiduciary, on whom the onus lay. to show if he could, what the benefici ary would have done if there had been no breach of fiduciary duty and whether, therefore, the benefi-ciary had suffered any and if so what loss which should be compen-

As to the issue of lender fault in equity, his Lordship said that in English law contributory negli-gence had never been a defence to an intentional tort. In such cases the Law Reform: Contributory Neg-ligence Act 1945 had no applica-

By parity of reasoning, his Lordship could see no good reason why equity should adopt a less rigorous approach. His Lordship therefore took the view that where, in order to establish a breach of liduciary duty it was necessary to find that the fiduciary was consciously dis-loyal to the beneficiary, the fiduciary was disabled from asserting that the beneficiary contributed to the loss which he suffered flowing from the breach. That did not mean that the con-

duct of the person to whom the fidu-

ciary duty was owed was irrelestructions to solicitors. vant. There came a point, following the breach of the fiduciary where the loss was too re-

mote for the breach to be said to be a loss flowing from it or where the claimant's own conduct came into play as a factor determining the loss for which he could recover.

His Lordship also commented on the benefit of the managed list procedure adopted in the trial of the 12 actions, which were a representative cross-section of more than 400 claims mounted by the

His Lordship said that by the procedure he was enabled to obtain a more balanced view of the way the plaintiff operated than if he had tried a single trial only. In particular, his Lordship was

better able to assess, partly by virtue of the plaintiff's extensive dis-covery in the action, what the plaintiff's response should have been to the information supplied to it by the applicant borrowers (relevant the applicant borrowers (resevant to contributory negligence) and how it would have reacted to the disclosures which it said the de-lendant solicitors should have made to it (relevant to causation). His Lordship found levels of con-

tributory negligence by the plain-tiff in many cases which reduced the damages to which it was entitled by amounts ranging between 20 per cent and 90 per cent of the

Factors his Lordship took into account in making those findings in-cluded failing to heed warnings is-sued by the industry regulator con-cerning the need to be prudent about lending, placing too much emphasis on the value of the underlying security and too little on the borrower's convenant, lending at excessively high loan to value per-centages and failing to spell out its reporting needs in its printed in-

Solicitors: Burges Salmon, Bris-tol: Barlow Lyde & Gilbert

Enforcing award in foreign arbitration

Minmetals Germany GmbH v Ferco Steel Ltd

Before Mr Justice Colman [Judgment January 20]

By agreeing the place of a foreign arbitration, a party not only agreed to submit all contractual disputes to arbitration but also agreed that the conduct of the arbi tration should be subject to the supervisory jurisdiction of the courts of that place.

Mr Justice Colman so held in the Queen's Bench Division when olding the order of Mr Justice Cresswell made on January 12 1998, under section 101 of the Arbitration Act 1996, giving leave to Minmetals Germany GmbH to enforce against Feron Steel Ltd an award dated September 29, 1995 in an initial arbitration, and an award dated March 20, 1997 in the resumed arbitration, conducted under the auspices of the China International Economic Trade Arbitra-

Mr Duncan Mathews for Minmetals; Mr Michael Swainston for Ferro.

MR JUSTICE COLMAN said it was common ground that the awards were enfoceable in England under the Arbitration Act 1975 which gave effect to the New York Convention on the Recognition of Foreign Arbitral Awards 1958; see

Fifth Report of the International Law Committee 1961 (Cmnd 1515). Nor was it disputed by Ferco that unless it could persuade the Beijing court to order a retrial and, as a result, the Beijing court or-

dered revocation, the awards were

as they stood, final and enforceable

Section 102(1) and (2) of the Arbitration Act 1996 expressly provided that such awards must be enforced unless the party against whom enforcement was sought proved that the case fell within one of the excep-

With regard to the court's power under section 103(3) to decline to enforce or recognise an award on the grounds of inarbitrability of the subject matter or of enforcement be ing contrary to public policy, whereas it was always open to the court to take an illegality point of its own volition, if a respondent to enforcement wished to rely on mat-ters within subsection (3), the bur-

den of making good the objection to enforcement clearly rested on Article 53 of the arbitration commission rules was clearly and ex-pressly applicable to the conduct of arbitrators in making their award. His Lordship was in no doubt that not acted in accordance with international practices and the principles of fairness and reasonable

However, the position following the Beijing court's order for a re-sumed hearing was that the evi-dence relied on by the arbitrators was open to challenge by means of a request for sight of the award and of the evidence on which it was

Since no such challenge was ad-vanced, Ferco had waived its right to object to the continuing omission of the arbitrators to disclose the award under article 45 of the

The public policy Issue arose in relation to the New York Conven-tion award made pursuant to a Chi-

nese agreed arbitral authority. In international commerce, a party who contracted into an agreement to arbitrate in a foreign jurisdiction was bound not only by the local arbitration procedure but also by the supervisory jurisdiction of the courts of the seat of the arbitra-

If the award was defective or the arbitration was defectively conducted the party who complained of the defect must in the first instance pursue such remedies as existed under that supervisory jurnsdiction.

Adherence to that part of the ar bitration agreement must be a cardinal policy consideration by an English court considering enforcement of a foreign award.

In a case where a party against vhom enforcement was sought alleged that a New York Convention award should not be enforced or the ground that such enforcement would lead to substantial injustice and therefore be contrary to English public policy the following must normally be included among the relevant considerations: The nature of the procedural in-

2 Whether that party had invoked the supervisory jurisdiction of the seat of the arbitration. Whether a remedy was available

under that jurisdiction. Whether the courts of that jurisdiction had conclusively determined the enforcer's complaint in favour of upholding the award. 5 If that party had failed to invoke that remedial jurisdiction, what reason had he and, in particular, vhether he was acting unreasonably in failing to do so.

Solicitors: Sinclair Roche & Temperley: Ince & Co.

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European Patent Convention forum shopping

Sepracor Ine v Hoechst Marion Roussel Ltd and Others Before Mr Justice Laddie

Judgment January 29 The court would not exercise its discretion so as to make an order which prevented a party from littgaring in a court where, under the European Patent Convention, he was entitled to sue. Facts which gave rise unly to an inference that a defendant had knowingly facilitated or assisted another person to in-

fringe were insufficient to constiute him a joint tortfeasor. Mr Justice Laddie so held in the Chancery Division, on the hearing of an application by the first to sixth defendants: Hoechst Marion oussel Ltd. Marion Merrell Ltd Huerhst AG. Hoechst Marion Roussel AG, Hoechst Marion Roussel Deutschland GmbH and Hoechst Marion Roussel Inc. an American subsidiary of the third defendant, to strike our proceedings against them commenced by the plaintiff, Sepracor Inc. in England on September 28, 1998, seeking a declaration that European Patent (UK) 0,701,433 and the equivalent designations of it in each of 12 other countries, including Denmark and France, but not Belgium, were valid. The seventh defendant, Georgetown University, was co-proprietor with Septuour of that patent.

Mr Richard Meade for Sepraour. Mr Andrew Waugh, QC, for the first to sixth defendants.

MR JUSTICE LADDIE said that the UK patent in suit con-cerned an antihistamine drug, terfemaline carboxylate, various Hoceha companies, in various countries, marketed a rival product under the trade marks Telfast

or "Alkerra". On May 4, 1998 the fifth defendant and a Belgian company in the Heechst group had commenced proceedings in Belgium against Sepriser There had been unchallenged evidence that a patent action there would take some five years to come to trial and any appeal would take another five. Among practitioners, such forum shopping was called "deploying the Belgian torpedo".

No pleadings responsive to Se-pracory writ and statement of claim having been served, on December 4, the first defendant petitioned the High court to revoke Sepracor's UK patent and launched the present notice of motion to strike out its writ and statement of claim on the ground, inter alia, that it was not open to Sepracor to sue here in respect of infringements in other countries when the validity of the potents themselves were or would be in issue.

Anyone uncontaminated by familiarity with the European Patent Convention and having to litigate in a national court, mi Germany, the source of all the Hoechst drugs to be sold in Eusolving validity and infringement.

But that was the course both sides wished to avoid: Hoechst wanting the German and French issues decided in Belgium. Sepracor in England. Further, in relation to all countries except England, Sepracor wanted to restrain local infringement without suing the local companies primarily responsible

for alleged infringements. In the light of Fort Dodge Ltd v Akzo Nobel NV (1998) FSR 222) Sepracor had conceded, without formally agreeing, that the pleaded claims in relation to the foreign desienations were not justiciable here so all the relevant parts of the pleadings and particulars of in-fringement would be struck out.

Mr Waugh had also cited Saccharin Corporation v Wild ([1903] Ch 400) as justifying a strike-out of those parts under Order 15, rule 5(f) or Order 18, rule 19 of the Rules of the Supreme Court as likely to prejudice embarrass or delay the trial of the purely domestic issues His Lordship did not accept that authority as justifying that course. Cours here frequently had to de-

cide assues of foreign law-The choice was between one acsince each country had tried to implement the provisions of the Euronean Patent Convention, or 13 separate actions in 13 countries, with

His Lordship had no doubt that one action would be quicker, cheaper and more convenient. It was well established that considerations of forum conveniens were not he could think of no circumstances that would justify him in preventing a party from litigating in a court in which the convention entiried him to sue.

The judgment of Lord Justice Hobhouse in Credit Lyannais Bank Nederland NV v Export Credit Guarantee Department the ambit of the law concerning ioint tortleasors:

There is no tort of knowing as sistance ... the liability in tort for the act of another depends ... upon participation in. or authorisation of, that act..." (at p42a).

"Acts which knowingly facilitate to ... aiding and abetting but they do not amount to a tort or make the aider liable as a joint tortleasor (at

"Mere ... knowing assistance does not suffice ... the sexundary party ... must have conspired with the primary party or procured or induced his commission of the tort .. or have joined in the common design pursuant to which the turn was committed ..." (at p 46b).

Applying that guidance and that of Lord Justice Glidewell in Uniterer plc v Chefaro Proprietaries Ltd [1994] FSR 135, 1381 to the effect that there must be some act in fur-therance of the common design and/or that the secondary party had procured or assisted the primary party to infringe. His Lordship did not accept that

an arguable case of joint torries-sance had been demonstrated against the third to sixth defendants, who had to be removed from the action.

tion here, with evidence relating to 12 countries' laws, nearly identical. Solicitors: Han dards: Bird & Bird.

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Distribution to departing shareholders lawful

MacPherson and Another v European Strategic Bureau

Before Mr Justice Ferris

[Judgment January 22] there was no untawful distribution contrary to section 203() of the Companies Act 1985 where the shareholders of a quasi-partnership, in which the participants reprofits made by the business, entered into an agreement under which departing shareholders were paid a percentage of profits carned from contracts on they had worked prior to their departure in proportion to their ormer stake in the company.

Mr Justice Ferris so held in a reserved judgment in favour of each of the plaintiffs. Mr Jain Francis Duncan MacPherson and Miss Susan Forevell, in the sum of £35,853.94 home money due to them from the defendants. European Strategic Bureau Ltd under the revised shareholders' agreement dated February 28, 1991.

Mr Pushpinder Saini for the plaintiffs: Mr Robert Wright, QC.

MR JUSTICE LERRIS said that in 1980 the plaintiffs and a Mr Richard Lyman set up the defendant company to provide investment hanking services to Furopean Calineare companies

As most of ESBy service contracts only provided for the compatorts on hehalf of the client being successful, the company's activities were initially largely financed through loans made by Mr

MacPherson.
When the plainfills decided to leave ESB in Tebruary 1991, a revised shareholders' agreement dated February 28, 1991 provided for less received after that date to be applied in the following order: in payment of accrued habilities; in repayment of the loans made by Mr MacPherson: in repayment of loans made by Mr I yman

Any surplus was to be distributed between the two plaintiffs and Mr Lyman in the proportions 25:25:50 as payment for consultancy services provided by them to ESB. Under this provision each of the plaintiffs claimed £35,853.94. His Lordship rejected Mr

Wright's submission that the revised shareholders' agreement constituted an unlawful distribution of company property contrary to section 263 of the Companies Act 1985. The agreement provided for the payment of the company's overheads, and the halance was more naturally to be recarded as de-

ferred remuneration for those who

had previously worked without

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His Lordship rejected an alternarive submission that the plaintiffs, and Mr Lyman, had failed to declare their interests prior to enter-ing into the revised shareholders reement contrary to section 317

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hareholders' agreement voidable Reliance on such a contravention could only benefit ESB if it had had the opportunity to research the agreement and had in fact done so. Mr MacPherson has resigned his directorship, and both plainults have transferred their shares to Mr Lyman pursuant to the terms of the agreement, which had been performed in a number of respects. It was now impossible for ESB to rescind.

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Correction

In Presson Barough Council v Mc-Grath (The Times February IS) the solicitors for Preston were Davies Wallis Foyster, Liverpool.

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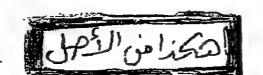
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Rentokil faces its earnings test

RENTOKIL INITIAL There may be some questions posed when the "Royal Ratcatcher" publishes final results tomorrow amid signs that its earnings growth is slowing.

A few years ago, Sir Clive Thompson, chief executive, put himself on the rack by saying that earnings growth of 20 per cent a year was achievable. He fell just short of the target in the first half and is expected to report only a 17 per cent rise in earnings, to 12 lp per share, this time.

Pre-tax profits are expected to be between £485 million and £505 million, against £417 million last time. Shareholders should be rewarded with a final payout of 3.6p to 3.7p, up from last year's 3.06p. Suspicions that sales growth has slowed because of Rentokil's diverse geographic exposure are likely to be proved right. This may put pressure on the group to make another big acquisition.

Rentokil almost tripled in size when it paid £2.1 billion for BET in 1996. Although Sir Clive has insisted he sees no need for another big purchase in the next two years or so, industry watchers say that the company could look at deals of about £500 million. Compass Group, Securicor and International Service Systems

are tipped as potential targets. Bolt-on acquisitions seem likeli-er. Rentokil bought eight hygiene and security companies for £37 million in January, adding £49 million of turnover.
The business split is 30 per

cent hygiene, 25 per cent transport, 14 per cent security, 11 per cent property, il per cent personnel and 6 per cent pest control.

Paul Morland, of BT Alex

Brown, expects profits of £491 million, and looks for a 2 per cent increase in sales, to £2.93 billion.

NORWICH UNION: Last week's admission by Legal & General that it was sacrificing margins for market share sent a shudder through life assurers: However, there should be few such fears with Norwich Union, which is the cheapest in the sector, according to BT Alex Brown. the broker. It expects pre-tax profits of £700 million, against £647 million last time. Earnings per share should be up 7 per cent, from 22.1p to 23.7p. The dividend should be up 10 per cent, at 12.8p. Life profits will be up a tenth.



Sir Clive Thompson may have to fend off some pesky questions about Rentokil's earnings growth

with the domestic market gain-ing from a high level of maturities of with-profit policies and reasonable investment returns.

POWERGEN: Third-quarter results from PowerGen on Thursday will be the first indication of the sort of cost savings obtain-able from its EL9 billion acquisition of East Midlands Electricity.

The group decided last year to change its year end from March to December, and a substantial deficit appears to be on the cards because of big exceptional items. A pre-tax loss of £215 million to £315 million is forecast, against a £376 million profit for the corres-

million to £600 million relating to renegotiation of contracts to take Liverpool Bay gas. Information will be sought on

the sale of 4,000 megawans of coal-fired generating assets that the group decided to shed to gain regulatory approval to buy East Midlands. The group had origi-nally hoped to get £800 million to £1 billion for the two plants, Fiddler's Ferry and Ferrybridge, but recent speculation suggests that it will receive about £1.5 billion.

BURMAH CASTROL: Final resuits today are expected to show pre-tax profits of £235 million to £238 million, down from £279.7 ponding period. This will be million last time, after hits from-struck after exceptionals of ESOO currency factors and deteriorating markets in Asia and North America in the second half. The full-year dividend should rise from 40%p to 42%p.

The core businesses will have performed creditably, despite some pressure on end markets, with both the chemicals and the hibricants businesses holding up well. The key to events will be any comments on the outlook for main markets in the Far East.

Credit Lyonnais Securities expects profits of £238.1 million and a dividend of 42p.

AN EXCLUSIVE OFFER

COOKSON: The group has just completed a review of operations, and its proposals for restructuring and strategy are expected to be announced with final results

on Wednesday. The materials technology company has said that "marginally better than ex-pected" trading in the fourth quarter has led it to expect pretax profits, before exceptional items and goodwill amortisation, of about £150 million for the year to December 31. That figure was towards the top of the City's range of £138 million to £150 million and compares with £91 million the previous year.

Earnings per share are expected to be 14.4p to 15.7p. against earnings before exceptional items of 18p previously.

Despite Cookson's efforts to emphasise an upturn in fourthquarter trading, analysts do not expect 1998 to have been a fine year because of shutdowns and destocking in the steel industry.

SG Securities, which expects pre-tax profits of £137.5 million and a 9.5p dividend, says that recent action to cut costs suggests that trading has been difficult.

VICKERS: The group is expected to reveal strategic plans for its defence unit with final results on Thursday. It has forecast pre-tax profits, before exceptionals, of about £55.6 million, against £76.5 million last time. The payout is forecast to stay at 7.2p.

ROLLS-ROYCE: Healthy fullyear figures from the aero-engine group are forecast for Thursday. Pre-tax profits before exceptionals are expected to be between E318 million and E325 million, against £276 million a year ago. A final dividend of 6.5p to 6.6p and earnings per share of 16.3p

to 17p are expected. It will be interesting to see whether the group is on track to meet its target of double-digit earnings growth and whether growth comes from top-line figures or is underpinned by a fall in research costs. At the interim stage, Rolls-Royce partially attributed its 16 per cent rise in profits to a reduction in expenditure.

Development in high-margin after-market sales compared with lower-margin original equipment sales will be watched.

GKN: Full-year pre-tax profits before exceptionals on Wednesday are expected to be £440 million to £455 million, against £406 million a year earlier. The payout should grow from 14.8p to 16.3p.

Chances to

move rates

Both the Bank of England and the European Central Bank have the opportunity to move interest rates this week. Analysis are divided on whether the Monetary Policy Committee will make yet another cut on Wednesday, but there is a clear consensus that the ECB will not take any action a day later. The recent fall in the euro's value, coupled with interference from Oskar Lafontaine, Germany's Finance Min-ister, has apparently made ECB council members even more determined to keep to 3

per cent "for the foreseeable future". However, euroland economic data published next week are likely to keep market hopes of a rate cut later in the spring alive. Figures released tomorrow are expected to show the annual rate of eurozone inflation declining from 0.8 per cent to 0.7 per cent in January, although still comfortably within the ECB's 0 to 2 per cent target. Fourth-quarter GDP figures, which are published on Thursday, are likely to confirm that quarter-ly growth has stalled, although the annual rate of expansion will remain a respectable 2.1 per cent. The money supply data, published today, should also help to reassure the ECB that future inflation pressures remain subdued, with the annual rate of M3

falling from 4.5 to 4.1 per cent in January. The biggest test for international markets is likely to be on Friday with the publication of the February employment figures. Analysts are forecasting strong growth in non-farm payrolls which will heighten fears that the Federal Reserve is more likely to raise than cut rates in the next few months.

Back home, a normally quiet data week will be enlivened by the publication tomorrow of the average earnings data after an absence of four months. The earnings series was suspended in November after data revisions turned the received wisdom about the path of earnings growth during 1998 on its head, prompting criticism of the Bank of England's analysis. Analysts expect the fig-ures to show that wage growth has eased

since the data were suspended.
On Wednesday the Confederation of British Industry distributive trades survey will provide the first glimpse of whether the January bounce-back in sales has been sustained.

ALASDAIR MURRAY

SUNDAY TIPS

The Sunday Times: Buy Scottish & Southern, Calluna, Carlton, Boxmore, Enterprise, Allied London, Axon. The Mail on Sunday: Buy First Choice, Aggreko, Gresham Computers, Scotswood Industries. The Sunday Telegraph: Buy Southnews, Scoot.com, Beale, Quarto Publishing, Amec, NSB Retail Systems. The Express on Sunday: Buy Euro Sales Finance, HC Slingsby, Misys.

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Increase in business failures

By SAEED SHAH

BUSINESS failure rates continued to rise in Britain last year, in contrast to the rest of Europe, showing that the country remains out of step with the Continent's business cycle.

Britain's distinct business cycie will be one of the key economic barriers to joining the eumo, where a single interest rate assumes a broadly syn-chronised cycle. While European business failures fell on average by 7.8 per cent in 1998.

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the number of businesses going to the wall in Britain increased last year by 6.2 per cent, according to a survey published inday by Dun & Bradstreet, the business miormation group.

Britain was the only leading Western European economy to register a significant in-crease in business failures. with the annual tally increasing by more than 2,000 to a rate of about 775 businesses going bust each week. In Germany, business fail-

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A separate Dun & Brad-street survey, also published today, conducted among 10,000 British and continental businessmen, for the first quarter of 1999, showed that business confidence has fallen to its lowest level for five years. Some 62

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from the previous quarter. Philip Mellor, senior business analyst at Dun & Bradstreet, said that Britain's business cycle was 12 to 18 months ahead of Europe. He said that one reason for Britain's differ-ent business cycle was the fact that the UK traded to a far greater extent beyond Europe. and so was much more vulnerable to economic conditions elsewhere in the world.

Keyline from CRH

BY CARL MORTISHED TRAVIS PERKINS and Wol-

seley are in the lead to buy Key-line, the £200 million builder's

Corporate activity is bubbling in the building materials sector with Scancem, the quoted Scandinavian group, attracting a queue of potential bidders. CRH is thought to be keen to buy Castle Cement, a subsidiary of Scancem which controls 25 per cent of the UK centent market, the largest stake after Blue Circle. CRH will face competition from RMC and Latarge, the French company.

authorities in Brussels, over concerns about dominance in

Two head field to buy

merchants chain, from CRH. the Irish building materials group. Bidding closed late last week; Warburg Dillon Read, which is auctioning Keyline. will shortlist potential buyers. Keylîne will be sold as one business, contrary to reports

suggesting that the two favourites would carve it up between them, with Travis Perkins tak-ing the North of England and Scotland branches and Wolseley taking the South East. Other potential buyers include Graham Group, the quoted builder's merchant that was also named as a takeover target, and venture capitalists.

Scancem's two largest shareholders, Skanska and Aker, which control 75 per cent of the group, have been forced to sell their stake by the competition the Nordic cement market.

WAKINGNED **EXCLUSIVE PREVIEWS**



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his week The Times has teamed up with 90th Century Fox to offer readers the chance to see an exclusive preview screening of Waking Ned on Sunday morning, March 14 (exact times will be o the ticket). The film, a raucous modern fairy tale, was a surprise hit at the Cannes Film Festival and won rave reviews when it opened in America a Christmas. Inspired by a true story, Waking Ned follows the comic exploits of two friends as they stumble into a lottery scam of hilarious

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Market cap: £20.53 billion. Turnover: in 1998 including associates: £8.3 billion. Pre-tax profits: £2.18 bil-

Employees : 46,550 Business: Cable & Wireless is an international telecommunications and multimedia operator providing services in more than 50 countries including the UK, the US, Hong Kong, Australia

THE BOARD

Sir Ralph Robins, 65, chairman after being a non-executive since 1994. He is also chairman of Rolls-Royce and the Defence Industries

Graham Wallace, 50, chief executive, ran Cable & Wireless Communications and is a former finance director of Grana-

Rad Osen, 53, is executhe director for Asa Pacific. He joined Cable & Wireless in 1976. He plans to leave the company soon.

Robert Lerwill, 46, has been executive director, finance, since 1997 and Joined Cable & Wireless from the WPP Group where he had been group finance director since 1986.

Linus Chang, 50, chief executive of Hongkong Telecom, used to be deputy managing director of Cathy

Pacific Airways. Stephen Pettit, 46, executive director, global business, joined Cable & Wireless In 1994 as European managing director from BP. He is also chairman of One-2-One.

The non-executives are: Wintried Bischoff, 56, chairman of Schroders; Janet Morgan, 52, writer and businesswoman; Dav-Id Nash, 58, former chairman of Grand Metropolitan's food business; and Raymond Seitz, 57, vicechairman of Lehman Brothers and a former US Ambassador to the UK.

"i his week Graham Wallace is off to Hong Kong. Although in his career he has worked in the US for a couple of years the visit will mark the start of his new international career, as chief executive of Cable & Wireless, the most global of all the would-be dominators of the expanding

telecommunications market. Less than a week into the new job, earned by bashing together Mercury Communications and three cable companies, Bell Cablemedia, Videotron and Nynex CableComms. Wallace says he has "very clear ideas" about what to do with the company founded 125 years ago to take the electronic telegraph around the world. He is, however, old-fashioned enough to want to share them with his board and staff first. What is absolutely clear is where the emphasis will be

placed and Wallace's role in it. "This whole area of the Internet and data and what you can do through networks is an area where there is huge poten-

tial," he says.
"I think the way the price/value cost equation is coming down we are just scratching the surface," adds Wallace, who spent the central part of his career at Granada Group, first as finance director and then running first the rental division and then restaurants services.

His management expertise therefore encompasses the financial disciplines, the service sector and the importance of brands all topped up by more than a dash of the latest communications technology acquired at CWC, the cable group.

Wallace, a gravelly voiced, dogged, home spun executive, is in many ways the complete antithesis of his immediate predecessor, Dick Brown, a flamboyant American.

With luck Wallace's appointment will end nine years of management instability at C&W stretching back nine years to the days when Lord Young of Graffham was chairman. The comings and goings have been such that Rod Olsen, who has run the Asia Pacific businesses, and is soon to leave the company to start a new life in Australia, has had to fill in

as acting chief executive. Even though it was always



Graham Wallace, left, starts a new international career as he takes the reins at Cable & Wireless. In some ways he is the antithesis to his predecessor, Dick Brown, right, the flamboyant American. One difficult issue for Wallace, who sees mobile phones as part of C&W's future, is the ownership of One-2-One

likely that Dick Brown would merely be passing through it is difficult to overestimate Brown's contribution. His plan to raise \$1 billion by tidying up a mish-mash of minority interests was a useful start. But it is the \$1 billion deal to buy the Internet backbone business of MCI that has helped to

create much of the potential that Wallace has inherited. Today SG Securities will pub-lish a study of Cable & Wireless suggesting that the value of the Internet acquisition needs to be increased by more than £2 billion because of the ferment in

Internet stocks. The plan to spend another \$1 billion over five years building a fully intergrated voice, Internet and data super-network linking more than 40 European cities is

another part of the jig-saw. Yet to some extent Brown did the "easy" bits and Wallace faces the much tougher task of implementing the vision and dealing with a re-

maining knotty series of structural issues that the City, at least, believes will not go away if C&W is to make the full transition from a federation of fairly discrete entities into a fully

integrated global player. The first tricky problem is C&W's 54 per cent stake in Hongkong Telecom. The Lon-

solid pair of hands to run the business.

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"Cable & Wireless is going to be very strong in Internet-based te-

lephony and this is extremely important. It is in an incredibly

strong position relative to its peer group. Dick Brown did what was

necessary to restructure the company; now Graham Wallace is a

"Cable & Wireless is a seemingly fabulous collection of tele-

coms assets but it is still an enigma. The question for Graham Wallace is how to make sense of that collection of assets. He

faces three or four big decisions, such as what to do about Chi-

na and One-2-One. The challenge will be getting the big deci-

don-based group has successfully negotiated both the hando-ver in 1997 and the opening-up of the market to competition but hopes of an early entry into mainland China seem likely to be frustrated for some time:

With analysts predicting falling revenues in Hong Kong C&W will have to decide

Jim McCaffery, SG Securities

James Dodd, Dresdner Kleinwort Benson

whether to play what could be a very long game in China. Dresdner Kleinwort Benson suggests that it might be sensible to de-couple Hongkong Tel-ecom from the rest of Cable & Wireless so that investors do not have to invest in the future of telecommunications in China whether they like it or not.

Another difficult issue is the ownership of One-2-One, the mobile phone company in the UK, a 50-50 joint venture with Media-

One, the US cable company. There is a bit of an impasse because both sides would probably like to be a 100 per cent owner. but the likely outcome is a flota-tion of a minority stake in One-2 One. Wallace sees mobile as part of the group's future as part of the range of delivery mecha-nisms to bring services to cus-tomers and says the relationship is working well. "I wouldn't see it as a pressing problem because it works," says Wallace.

As the former head of CWC Graham Wallace may find him-

self having to take some urgent decisions about Telewest, one of the other big three cable operators. There is a widespread be-lief that major Telewest share-holder TCI/AT&T is prepared to sell its stake, and Wallace may have to decide to bid or see

jor cable player, NTL. Analysis would also like to see some of the potential US Internet value crystallised with the float of a minority stake in the US Internet business.

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Whichever way Wallace jumps on this and other issues what is clear is that the venerable company is once again in the midst of reinventing itself and can justly claim that its reputation as a slumbering giant has already been transformed.

"There are global banks and organisations like Andersen Consulting who are giving us business that three years ago we would not have got because they believe we can provide the packaging that they want

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mous amount of money and effort creating a Cable & Wireless Communications brand in the public mind. At first he was worried that the words "cable" and "wireless" were old-fashicsed. His children put him right Cable was associated in their minds with cable television and wireless with trendy cordless communications. So the name Cable & Wireless stays.

around the world," says Olsen.

At CWC Wallace spent an enor-

It is not known yet how much he will be paid but Dick Brown's 1998 pay would have exceeded 14 million although most was performance-related. According to Crisp Consulting this is double the amount expected for someone of his experience in a FTSE company, although the telecoms sector has special features. The "impressive" non-executives are paid £30,000 a year
Cable & Wireless also scores
well on ethical expression. Ac-

cording to Integrity Works, which has acted as advisers to C&W, it has a clear ethics policy which has been communicated to staff through designated staff in each business area.

As he starts to explore his new domain Graham Wallace has set himself the task of turning C&W into one of the world's top telecoms players in five years. He has a long way to go. In the past year C&W has un-derperformed the telecoms sector in the FTSE 100 by 63 per cent. Its progress will attract the closest scruinty and if the potential does not turn into reality 125 years of independence could easly come to an end.

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French efforts to cut jobless figures rebound

FROM ADAM SAGE IN PARIS

THE French Government's efforts to attack unemployment through a cut in working hours is turning into an expensive fiaseo that will handicap French companies, according

to new research.
The study shows that, halfway through a two-year programme, the scheme has created just 24.155 jobs. France's Socialist-led Government had hoped that it would create between 400,000 and 700,000 over the period.

But the project is not only inefficient, but also costly. An investigation by the pro-Government news magazine, Le Nouvel Observateur, concluded that it could end up costing the state between Fros billion (£6.7 billion) and Fri00 billion a year for the forseeable future. This is a figure that makes the Finance Ministry red with

rage," said the magazine. Analysis say the only benefit from the legislation will be increased flexibility in France's otherwise rigid working practices.

The flagship policy of Prime Minister Lionel Jospin's Government was once touted as a French response to a French problem — high unemployment 1 just under three million. Companies employing more

than 200 people were given two years to negotiate a reduction in the working week from 39 to 35 hours with no loss of pay for staff. Smaller firms have twice as long. Employers who meet the timetable are rewarded with tax reductions of Fr5.000 per worker per year.

Croissance Plus, an association that represents blue-chip firms, said the move will add Fr5 million to the costs of the average medium-sized firm, even after state aid of Fr2 million. As a result, most industrialists are doing their best to get round the legislation.

Nowhere was this clearer than in the deal struck by unions representing 1.8 million metal workers and miners with employers such as Renault, the carmaker. The working week precised by four hours, basic salaries remained the same. and overtime rose. In return, union leaders agreed to flexible working panerns.

BAA says terminal failure will cost £250m

By ARTHUR LEATHLEY, TRANSPORT CORRESPONDENT

BAA, the airports operator, will this week put a £250 million price tag on failure to win approval for a fifth terminal at Heathrow. Lawyers for the company will set out the high cost of work already completed on the £1.8 billion project that is running at least five years behind schedule, BAA will make its final sub-

mission to the Terminal Five inquiry, which is entering the last formight of its marathon

run of almost three years.

The cost of buying land, of designing the building and paying for legal teams at the inquiry has been a huge drain on BAA, which must now wait until at least 2001 before ministers finally decide whether to give the scheme the go-ahead. If successful, BAA hopes to open the terminal in 2006.

In this week's summing-up. David Silsoe. BAA's counsel. will tell the inquiry that the company will accept a legally binding freeze on the number of night flights to try to meet local fears about noise. However, he will reject as unworkable protesters' demands for a total ban on night flights.

BAA, whose chief executive is Sir John Egan, is confident that it could win approval and believe the length of the inquiry has strengthened its case, although the company has some fears that conditions attached to approval could make the project unviable. Des Wilson, BAA's corporate director, said: "Everythe beginning of the inquiry is now being shown to be true." Congestion at Heathrow, both at the airport and on surrounding roads, is deterring many passengers and some airlines from using the world's busiest

nternational airport.
The massive growth of rival airports at Amsterdam. Frankfurt and Paris has underlined fears that Britain could lose its pre-eminence as an international link, unless extra capacity is provided. The airport is struggling to cope with its 58 million annual passengers but BAA says an extra terminal would enable it to set a permanent ceiling of 80 million passengers.

The company insists that it would never build a third runway that would allow passenger numbers to surge towards 100 million. Campaigners against the terminal remain unconvinced and have used their final submissions to the inquiry to underline their concerns that an additional terminal will lead to further expansion of the airport and even greater growth han predicted by BAA.

Traffic at Heathrow is grow ing by just 3 per cent because of the capacity constraints on airlines. That compares with an overall 7 per cent rise in airline traffic for all of BAA's airports. much of which is being generated at Stansted which is accommodating spillover traffic from



Float looming for Canary Wharf project

By MARTIN WALLER

week expected to confirm plans for a stock market float and to indicate what proportion of the company will be offered to investors.

The decision will boost the

troubled property share mar-ket, which on Friday received further negative news as BAA cancelled plans to float its property subsidiary, Lynton.

Although Canary Wharf, which owns and developed the London Docklands site, has never confirmed intending to float, all the advisers are now in place and preparations are in hand for a spring market de-

but that would value the company at more than £2 billion. The final decision is expected to go to the wire, given the current state of the markets. However, it is expected that Canary Wharf will announce decision and give a guide as to how much of the company will be floated.

Although a float could raise

CANARY WHARF is this be to offer an exit for the group of investors who bought the company from the banks after its bankruptcy in 1902. They include Franklin Mut-

ual and CNA Financial, two US funds. Prince al-Walced bin Talal, the Saudi investor, and Paul Reichmann, the Canadian property developer who initiated the scheme only to see it bring about the collapse

of his business empire.

Canary Wharf has 4.7 million sq ft built, and 2.1 million. sq ft under development. The float prospectus is likely to focus more on growth prospects and the further 6.5 million sq ft potentially available on un-developed land, and the probability of rises in rental levels as tenancies granted when the development was in financial difficulties come up for renewal. Crucial to a float is the arriv-

al this year of the Jubilee Line extension of the Tube. An attempt to take the project public last year was pulled because of

Grid gets chief at Littlewoods

JAMES ROSS, chairman of the group as it expands . . . be-Littlewoods, the retail group, is to succeed David Jefferies as chairman of National Grid. the electricity network.

Mr Ross, aged 60, will join the National Grid board today and take over as non-executive chairman when Mr Jefferies retires at the company's annu-

al general meeting in July. He will remain non-executive chairman of Littlewoods.

Before joining Littlewoods.

Mr Ross was chief executive of Cable & Wireless from 1907 to Cable & Wireless, from 1992 to 1995. He had earlier been managing director of British Petroleum and chairman and chief operating officer of BP America.

Mr Jefferies said: "James Ross's knowledge of the energy and telecoms sectors, together with his experience in overseas markets, suits him ideally to

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yond our core UK business." National Grid last month announced a 50 per cent interest in a Brazilian telecoms consortium, in which it will put up to



Asda ready to fight back in price war

By SAEED SHAR

ASDA, the supermarket chain, is preparing to deliver a broadside in the latest round of the supermarket price war, with plans for extensive price cuts. Asda is thought to be responding to an initiative by Tesco, which tried to outmanoeuvre its rivals earlier this month by cutting the prices of hundreds of products. Asda is

believed to be preparing a re-sponse, which could be unveiled as early as next week. The Tesco initiative, which covers all its 600 stores, saw

the prices of some 240 items reduced by up to 25 per cent. The campaign is thought to be costing Tesco up to £1 million a

week in lost revenues. Asda refused to give any details of its plan over the weekend but it is believed that it will pledge to undercut its ri-

vals permanently and cut the cost of thousands of items. Price-cutting promotions have increased ahead of the results of the official investigation into competition among the big supermarkets.

The Office of Fair Trading inquiry into profits of the four lead-

ing chains, which together con-trol 45 per cent of the £87 billiona-year grocery market, was due to report before Christmas. It is expected to reveal its decision in the spring, which will determine whether a full-scale inquiry by the Monopolies and Mergers Commission is appropriate.

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Olivetti wins approval for **Telecom bid**

By CARL MORTISHED, INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS EDITOR

H.I.LCOM ITALIA has been pushed back on in the defensive by Consob, the Italian stock market regulator that has approved Ofiveri's £36 billion bid for the telephone utility.

Ohveni's success in winning opening skirmish in the Asid v Gohath battle means that Telecom Italia will be onable to put into place poison pills. or a restructuring of the busi-ness designed to deter Olivetti. Telecom halia had indicated

its interest in merging its off per cent mobile-phone affiliate. HM a move that would have put the phone utility beyond the financial reach of Olivetti. Franco Bernabe, Telecom haha's chief executive, said: "I don't have any poison pills in my pocket but I have a plan; increasing the value of our com-

Consoli gave the go-ahead for Oliveni's filt at Telecom Itaha over the weekend after inistally ruling the bid inadmissible Consoliobjected to the condinonality of the offer which depends on securing a deal with Mannesmann, Olivetti's German partner, under which Mannesmann would buy Olivent's share in Omnitel and Infostrada, the fast-growing mobile and fixed-link telecoms

businesses. The Consoh decision means that Olivetti's offer must be launched in April. The lengthy interregnum is necessary for Mannesmann to secure approval from the Government for the takeover of the Omnitel and Infostrada licences.

Oliveni failed to increase its offer from \$10 (\$6.80) per share but the deal approved by Consoh includes a five trillion lire (CL7 billion) cash call by Olivetti and firmer arrangements with Mannesmann. Both Olivetti and Telecom

Italia face a new competitor in the telecoms sector. Wind, a jojnt venture between Enelthe energy utility. France Tele-com and Deutsche Felekom which plans to secure up to 1.5 million users in 1000.

Wind launches its service on Monday and claims an advantage over Olivetti and Telecom Italia because it is selling both fixed and mobile services at the same time.

Williams out to rescue its image

By PAUL ARMSTRONG

conglomerate, will this week try to improve its tattered image by highlighting growth in its Australian operations. It may be Williams's last

chance to convince investors that the paints-to-fire extingtashers group can achieve resnectable earnings growth and improve a depressed market rating, its shares have badly underperformed the FTSE 100 over five years and failure to enthuse the City could lead to calls for radical changes and md...gement upheaval. Williams hopes to meet analysis'

WILLIAMS, the 1980s-style demands for organic sales growth of up to 10 per cent in its Australian security and fire protection business.

The crucial figure will be given on Thursday in Williams's annual profit result, expected to be in line with City forecasts of £300 million before tax. Williams aims to use the profit report to argue that its move away from manufacturing and into fire protection and security services will deliver earnings growth and a rating closer to a service rather than manufacturing business. It sees its Australian side as a model.

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Like Hamlet without the Prince

This week's meeting of the Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) is more than usually signifi-cant, I do not refer to the likely outcome for interest rates. (which I think will be a further cut of 0.25 percentage point), but rather to something of wider import. For it will be the first meeting since the publication of the National Changeover Plan, which lays out a path for Britain's preparations for the euro.

Not that the plan said a great deal about monetary policy or the exchange rate. or indeed the MPC. In fact, it said nothing at all about these weighty matters. Funny that. There was a lot about tills and IT requirements but nothing about managing the monetary system itself.

Even so, last week we gained a fascinating insight from a different source. The Governor of the Bank of England was asked about what plans the Bank had for a switch of monetary regime to prepare us for the euro. None, came the answer. Nor had he even talked about the issue with the Chancellor. The MPC's "marching orders" were quite clear - to set interest rates at whatever level was necessary to hit the

Nothing wrong with that you might say. But how is this to be squared with preparing Britain for the euro? If interest flation, then they cannot simul-taneously be used to achieve convergence with euroland at an acceptable exchange rate. Of course, maintaining inflation at 2.5 per cent should help to impart some stability to the economy and reduce the likely range of differences with euro-land. So, perhaps, if the MPC just carries on targeting 2.5 per cent, everything will be all

right — fingers crossed.

But the European average inflation rate is 0.8 per cent. and looking to be heading lower still, compared with our corresponding figure of 1.6 per cent. Meanwhile, our interest rates are nearly twice the euro level. In other words, there is a fair bit of converging yet to be done.

One option, if monetary policy were to play its role in bringing about convergence, would be to raise interest rates, or at least to stop cutting them, so as to force inflation down to the point where we could comfortably live with 3 per cent interest rates. If the Government were pretty confident that our economies were converging anyway, another option might be to move interest rates gradually towards the euro level. But, apparently, we are going



and hope for the best. What about the exchange

rate itself? At the moment, although the Bank takes the level of sterling into account when setting rates to hit the inflation target, it has no target level for sterling itself, and the pound can and does vary widely. If the Government were to try to establish sterling at some reasonable level before entry and then to keep it there, it would not be able to maintain the existing

monetary policy regime.

There could be some sort of hybrid encompassing both an exchange rate and inflation target, but the clearest regime would be one where interest rates were managed so as to keep sterling within a certain range against the euro. If the pound threatened to move outside, then rates would have to be changed to whatever level was necessary to keep the pound there, regardless of the level of British inflation, and regardless of the consequences for the economy. Does this ring a bell? Perhaps if I men-tioned the word "scintilla" it would give you a ciue. This policy involves precise-

ly the problem that Britain experienced in the ERM. Indeed, the Maastricht treaty lays down an exchange rate criterion for EMU membership, namely that a candidate currency should have stayed within the bands of the ERM for at least two years without undue strain. For understandable reasons, the British Government rejects this criterion. But it is there for a reason, namely to ensure that the currency alignment which it is proposed to hold "forever" should be workable. That is nerfectly reasonable. It is a bit like the benefits of a courtship, as opposed to getting married on the first date.

Moreover, in the case of most of the euro members, their relationship has stronger and deeper roots even than that. France, for instance, has maintained an effectively fixed exchange rate against the mark for more than ten

This is not Britain's position. Since the exit from the

ERM, the pound has traded at levels between 2.16 against the mark and 3.11. Where should it be? It is difficult to be sure. But you would think, wouldn't you, that the Government which proposes to fix it for all time would present us with some sort of mechanism for judging the appropriate rate - not to mention some strategy for get-ting and keeping it there be-fore the final deed is done?

S o you should relish the MPC's decision this Wednesday. Whatever the decision, it will have been taken in regard to an objective set by the British Government in pursuit of British interests. Moreover, in taking its deci-

sion, the MPC will be fully accountable to Partiament Indeed, the way that it emerged that there was apparently no transition planning on mone-tary policy was richly ironic. It emerged as the Governor was being questioned by the Treasury Select Committee of the House of Commons.

Any member of the public could go to that meeting and hear the MPC obliged to account for its actions by democratically elected representatives of the people. That is precisely what cannot happen with the ECB - even in Frankfurt, Strasbourg or Brussels.

Trouble in the East

Channel 4, 9pm

The second film in Phil Agland's seven-part series about contemporary China continues the main storyline: the police attempt, via an informer, to set up a drugs bust to catch a Muslim dealer from Canton. A new theme added tonight is the rehearsals by the Children's School of the Shanghai Opera for a production of a traditional Chinese opera about betrayal. This almost too neat counterpoint (after all, the drug-dealer and his minimos hardly equate with the wronged wife in the operal makes it a less satisfactory film than the first, shown last night, but it is still messmerising and compelling. One might find it impossible to imagine that a Chinese film-maker would be allowed the apparently complete access to British police operations and the prison service which Agland has enjoyed from the authorities in Shanghai.

BBC2, 11.15pm

The producer, Gerard Barry, describes this The producer, Gerard Barry, describes that documentary series about groupings among Britain's under-25s as "not another patronising, late and embarrassing TV attempt to get to "the kids"." God forbid we should pass judgment. Given adolescents tendency to exaggerate to any adult willing to let them brag about their behaviour, one might hope that those sequences of these short films which show criminal or merely aritispical behaviour are factary rather than fact. mese short times which show criminal or merely antisocial behaviour are fantasy rather than fact. But under-age drinking, drug-taking, vandalism, dangerous driving and knutishness are facts of life. There are also less disruptive, if no less contentious subjects, including "coming out" in Northern Ireland.

To the Ends of the Earth: The Battle for Titanic

Classic FM. 6.30pm

Channel 4, 8pm

John Peel narrates this quite surprising account-(given our exposure to the subject) of how the wreck of the RMS Titanic was discovered, fought over and exploited. It is a tale of deceit and

Births, Marriages and Deaths

If the first of Tony Grounds's three-part series was slightly over the top, part two is so far over that it is coming back up the other side. The three lifetong friends (Ray Winstone, Phil Davis and Mark Strong) have apparently survived the problems raised by their "stag" outing, and Strong's new wife has had a healthy baby, Winstone, richer and brasher than ever, gives the others jobs with his own company, but Davis discovers that his idolised wife (Tessa Peake-Jones) fell pregnant while at school, and Winstone's schoolgirl daughter is arrested for trespassing with Davis's dropout son. Then an even nastier accident occurs. Whatever next?

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A heroin dealer is arrested in the second

episode of Shanghai Vice (Channel 4, 9pm)

spin-doctoring (at every level from the US Navy down to individuals), lingation and cack-handedness, which leaves virtually all of those involved under suspicion of, at best, moral and ethical ambiguity. The most astonishing aspect may be that, with the wreck still virtually un-protected those with hour mode that

tected, those who have made the most capital out of

a mass grave and the scene of a maritime disaste show no sign of recognising that this is the case.

If the first of Tony Grounds's three-part series was

RADIO CHOICE

BBC2, 9pm

Radio 4, 8pm The fine print of the last audience research figures contained a couple of interesting items, including the fact that 658,000 people are now listening, at some point during the week, to this programme. Classic Newsnight, not to be confused with anything related to Jeremy Paxman, deserves a listen for it is a smooth and comprehensive review of the dark as smooth and comprehensive review of the dark as smooth and comprehensive treates through the couple of factors items through

Radio 4. 8pm

This is the second in an excellent series by Pene in White about what happens to families when one of their "number is put in prison." Tonight's programme meets people whose sons in daughters have been jailed and, as with last week's opener about the effect on a marriage of one partner being jailed, we hear from truly heroic people, heroic in the sense that they have suffered hearthreak without imposing their pain on others. Stan Gregory and his wife Doreen, whose daughter Sandra was convicted of heroin trafficking in Thailand, describe how they had to stop having any contact with the people around them, not through any lack with the people around them, not through any lack of support but because Doreen simply could not take the sympathy. Peter Barmard

BBC WORLD SERVICE

RADIO 1 (BBC)

for it is a smooth and comprehensive review of the day's news with a couple of feature items thrown in, including a CD review by Richard Baker and a health slot presented by Dr Mark Porter, the telegenic GP. But the key figure is the presenter, John Brunning, who brings exactly the right tone of measured calm to a programme area increasingly dominated, elsewhere, by high-profile presenters. Brunning is simply good.

6.30am Zoe Ball 9.00 Simon Mayo 12.00pm Jo Whiley 2.00 Mark Redolffe 4.00 Chris Moyles S.45 Newsbeat 6.00 Dave Pearce 8.00 Lamaco Live. Featuring Stereophonics, and a special leature on the making of new Underworld album 12.00am The Breezeblock 2.00 Clive Warren 4.00 Scott Mills

RADIO 2 (BBC)

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RADIO 5 LIVE (BBC)

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5.00am The World Today 7.00 World News 7.15 This Woman Thing 7.65 My Century 8.00 Vigital News 8.05 Record News 8.20 Off the Sheff: Captain Corell's Mendolin 8.33 Health Matters-9.00 World News 9.05 Westway Access 9.20 The Virisage Chart Show 9.60 Sports Round-Up 10.00 Newsdesk 10.30 British Today 10.45 The Farming World Newsdesk 11.30 Pick of the World 12.00pm World News 12.05 Cutlook 12.45 Sports Round-Up 1.00 Newshour 2.00 World News 2.05 Health Matters 2.30 Meridian 3.00 World News 2.05 Sports Round-Up 1.30 Newshour 2.00 World News 2.05 Sports Round-Up 3.15 Record News 3.30 Composer of the Month 4.00 World News 4.15 Insight 4.20 Multitrack Hit-List 5.00 Europe Today 5.30 World Revises Report 8.45 Sports Round-Up 6.00 World News 6.15 British Today 6.30 Warm World 7.00 World News 7.05 Health Matters 7.30 Clouded Hits 7.45 Off the Sheff: Captain Corell's Mandolin 8.00 Newshour 9.00 World News 2.05 World Revises Report 9.20 Britain Today 9.30 Mendian 10.00 World News 11.15 Sports Round-Up 10.30 Multitrack Hit-List 11.00 World News 11.05 Outlook 11.45 Insight 12.00am The World Today 12.30 Health Matters 12.55 My Cankay 1.00 The World Today 1.30 World Susiness Report 3.46 Insight 4.00 The World Today 3.30 World Susiness Report 3.46 Insight 4.00 The World Today 3.30 World Susiness Report 3.46 Insight 4.00 The World Today 3.30 World Business Report 3.46 Insight 4.00 The World Today

CLASSIC FM 6.00am Nick Balley's Easier Breaklast. Fevourite musical works, plus regular information updates 8.00 Henry Kelly The Hall of Farna Hour and CD of the Week 12.00pm Lunchtime Requests. Jane Jones presents listeners' lavountes 2.00 Concerto. Mozart (Clarinet Concerto) 3.00 Jamie Crick. Continuous Classics and Albamoon Romanoe 6.30 Classic Continuous Classics and Albamoon Romanoe 6.30 Classic Newsnight. John Brunning presents the tatest stories. See Choice 7.00 Evenng Concert. Prokolley (Romeo and Juliet), Rachmertinov (Plano Concerto No 3) 11.00 Mann at Night. Wind down with the sound of ambient music introduced by Alan Mann 2.00em Concerto. Mozart (Clasmet Concerto) (r) 3.00 Mark Griffiths. The Early Breakfast Show

6.00am On Air Music and arts news with Petroc Trelewiny, including a review of Copland's El salon Mexico conducted by Martyn Brabbins In Glasgow's Royal Concert Hall

Glasgow's Hoyat Concert Hall

9.00 Masterworks with Peter Hobday, includes Handel
(Overlure: Ariodante); Bach, reconstr Schneider
(Concerto in C minor for viotin and oboe,
BWY1000); Bach (Eiberme cloh, St Matthew
Passion); Busoni, an Adams (Berceuse
elegieque); Schubert (Plano Sonata in G, D894)

10.30 Aritest of the Week The Dutch conductor Bernard
Haltink talks to Joan Bakewell

14.00 Sexed States Sexelly Affairs Bears the models

11.00 Sound Stories: Femily Affairs Peggy Reynolds remembers the early-music dynasty founded by Annot Dometsch

12.00pm Composer of the West: Tehalkowsky

1.09 The Radio 3 Lunchtkuse Concert Joan Rodgers,
soprano, Julius Drake, piano. Poulenc (Fiancalles
pour fire); Faure (Le jardin clos); Rosentral (4 plus

pour me); Faure (Le groin clos); Hosenthal (4 plus 3 7; L'elephant du jardin des plantes; La souris d'Angleterre; Fido)

2.00 The BBC Orchestras BBC Philinamonic under yan Pascal Torteller, Rumon Gamba and Vassily Sinalsky, John Lill, piano. Elger (Introduction and Allegro); Selena Kay (Queen of the Night); Sairt-Seans (Plano Concerto No 2 in 6 minor); Sibellus (En Saga; Symphony No 1)

4.00 Opera in Action with Robert Lloyd

4.45 Music Machine with Tommy Pearson

5.00 In Tune with Sean Rafferty, includes Mozart

(Bassoon Concerto in B flat, K191)

7.30 Performance on 3: Myths in Music Beginning a Monday concert season: Jean Rigby, mezzo, BBC Philharmonic under Edward Downes. Bax (Tintagel); Bantock (Sappino) 8.20 Francesca da Rimini. Joseph Ferrell explores the life and disaffund the adulteress 8.40 Prokoflev (Suita: Egyptian Nights); Tottalkovsky (Francesca da Rimini).

9.35 Postscript: Cutatival Nationalisari A week of Concernmes syntyrical the acceptage.

programmes exploring the ancient and continuing association of the arts with nation-building Volces Isin Burnside presents the second of two programmes featuring the baritone Simon Keenlyside with Malcolm Martineau, piano,

recorded last month at the Wignore Hall

10.45 Mibring it Marix Pussell and Robert Sandali
present a mix of musical styles and influences

11.30 Jazz Notes Alyn Shipton presents a musical influence influence in the present a musical influence in the present a musical influence in the present in the presen

tribute to Stephane Grappelli

12.00am Composer of the Week: Aaron Copland (r)

1.00 Through the Night Includes 1.00 Abegg Trio.

Beethoven (Pleno Trio in E flat, Op 70 No 2).

Herze (Chamber Sonata) 2.20 Rautavaera
(Regular Sets of Elements) 2.35 Beethoven

(Eroica Variations) 3.00 Schools: Music Box 3.15

Something to Think About 3.30 EAL: Let's Miele a
Story 3.45 Stories and Rhymes 4.00 Find Out

4.15 Matins Challenge 4.30 Hopscotch 4.45

Scottish Resources 7-9 5.00 Bach (Fantasis;

BWV922) 5.05 Telemann (Sonata in A)

5.30am World News 5.35 Shipping Forecast
5.40 Inshore Forecast 5.45 Preyer for the Day
5.47 Farming Today Presented by Charlotte Sprith
6.00 Today with Sus MacGregor and James Naughtire
9.00 Start the Week Discussion programme, hosted
by Jeremy Paymen
9.45 (FM) Seriet; Zarafa Part one. Andrew Sachs
reads the story of a giraffe given to the lang of
France in 1826 which wen the hearts of the nation
9.45 (LW) Delity Service A St David's Day service from
Albarry Road Beptist Church in Cardiff. Director of
music Andrew Wilson-Dickson
10.00 Woman's Hour with Martha Keemey and guests
11.00 Turning Into Children Kristy Wark looks at how
children develop a sense of gender (3/6)
11.30 The King of Betth Second of a six-part corned
12.00 (LW) News Headlines; Shipping Forecast
12.00pm (FM) News 12.04 You and Yours Consumer
news and stories with Liz Barday and John Waite
1.00 The World at One with Nick Clerke
1.30 Counterpoint Semi-final of the general
browledge music quiz, hosted by Ned Shemin
2.00 The Archers Yesterday's edition (r)
2.15 Afternoon Play: High in the Clouds Don
Haworth's humorous story about the impact of the
Second World War on a small Lancashire
community. Staming Stephen Thome, Christian
Rodska and Brigit Forsyth
3.00 Money Box Live: 0870 010 04444 Vincent
Duggleby takes listeners' calls on finencial issues
3.30 First Nights Life-chenging moments, beginning
with a couple who waited until they were married
before sleeping together (1/5) (r)
3.45 This Sceptred lale Arma Massey namates part 41
of the history of Britain (r)
4.00 The Food Programme Simon Parlees
investigates the new Food Standards Agency's
aims and aganta (r) RADIO 4

4.30 Turning World with Jenni Murrlay and guests
5.00 PM Presented By Clare English and Chris Lowe
6.00 Str. O'Clock News
6.30 Just a Minute Tony Hawks. Derek Nimmo.
Graham Norton and Linda Smith try to speek for
60 seconds without hesitation, repetition or
deviation at the Sheffield Lyceum
7.00 The Archera
7.15 Front Row Mark Lawson talks to the former Yes
keyboard player Rick Wakeman
7.45 The Cry of the Bittern Environmental drama by
Tim Jackson, starring Rachel Alkirs. Broadcast
eartier as part of Worman's Hour (r)
8.00 Silent Sentence Pater White investigates the
repercusions of crime on the perpetuator's family.
See Choice (2/3)

3.00 Stems Sentented 1955
repercusions of crime on the perpetrator's family.
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3.30 Analysis ian Hergreaves examines ways in which the Government could learn from private sector management models

9.00 Nature Howard Stableford explores the environmental immand of nosan currents such as El Niño

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9.30 Start the Week Broedcast earlier (r)
10.00 The World Tonlight with Justin Webb
10.45 Book at Bedtime: Emast Hemingway
Centenary — The Sun Also Rises John Sharian reads the inst part of Hemingway's novel
11.00 Radio 4 Appeal Nicholas Parsone speaks on; betalf of the British Stammering Association*(r)
11.02 Fear on 4: Tissue Memory Judy Upton's drama about a heart transplant patient. With Rachel Ations, Km Well and John Rowe (r)
11.30 (FM) Airs of England Richard Coles talks to Dave Townsend (3/4) (r)
11.30 (FM) Today in Parliament Political news
12.00em News 12.30 The Late Book: Five Stories by Anton Cheidnoy Alstair McGovan reads An Incident, the first of five tales by Chekhov (r)
12.48 Shipping Forecast 1.00 As World Service

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Prospectors beat a path to Africa's new streets of gold

Cash-strapped producers are setting sights on liberalised Tanzania to cut

their costs, writes Rachel Bridge

or almost 40 years Tanzania has been virtually a closed book to the world's international goldmining giants, thanks to a socialist regime, sweeping nationalisation and the shunning of foreign investors. The tiny amounts of gold ore that did get taken out of the ground were dug out by small-scale artisanal miners scratching out a living in remote corners of the Tanzanian scrub.

But the stage has been set for a dramatic revival of the minsector as Tanzania opens its doors for business to foreign investors following a series of economic reforms.

In the past year alone the Tanzanian Government has introduced a number of key changes for foreign gold producers, including a new mining code, a fiscal package specifically for mining that does not require companies to give the State a stake in the venture — formerly it took a mandatory 10 per cent stake - and a new investment code which exempts foreign firms from import duty on equipment and sales tax and allows profits to be repair ated.

The surge of interest in Tan-

zania has also been prompted by the goldmining industry's increasingly desperate search for ever-lower cost production in an effort to withstand the effects of the historically weak gold price.

According to the World Gold Analyst, the weighted average cash cost of extracting gold fell by 20 per cent from \$264 per oz (£165) in June 1996 to just \$210 per oz in 1998 as companies strived to remain profitable while the gold price dropped to as low as \$275.

ing analyst at Dresdner Kleinwort Benson, said: "There is a big drive for low-cost production. Any mining company will tell you that their emphasis is on having low-cost assets. The big question is whether you bring on lower-cost mines than everyone else - and that is obviously what they think they

can do in Tanzania." Last month the tiny village of Lusu in the northwest corner of Tanzania played host to the country's President, Benjamin Mkapa, and several hundred local dignitaries to celebrate the opening of the \$48 million Golden Pride



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Greeted by local dancers and musicians in brightly dressed costumes, the opening of the mine, a 50-50 joint venture project between Ashanti Goldfields and Resolute, the Australian mining company, is the first of what is expected to be a raft of foreign investmentbacked goldmining projects starting up in Tanzania. Following hard on the heels

of the Golden Pride project are three other big foreign-owned goldmining ventures set to begin production next year: Ashani's huge proposed mine at Geita; the Bulyankulu mine in Kahama District being developed by the Canadian mining company Sutton Resources; and the Australian mining company Afrika Mashariki Gold Mines' 130,000-ounce gold project in Tarime Dis-trict. Other overseas goldminers are also running a slide rule over the place - feasibility studies are under way by South Africa's Anglo-Ameri-can Corporation, while Placer Dome, Maiden Gold, Ormonde Mining, Universal Gold and Kimberly Resources are all spending significant

amounts on exploration. The figures tell the story while total worldwide gold ex-ploration expenditure dropped by 40 per cent from \$2.61 billion in 1997 to just \$1.56 billion in 1998, mineral exploration expenditure in Tanzania has steadily climbed the other way, jumping from \$6 million in 1992 to more than \$80 million in 1997 and expected to reach \$200 million by 2000. Peter Cowley, managing di-

rector of Exploration at Ashanti, says the combination of good mineral prospects and government reforms have turned Tanzania into an extremely attractive destination. He said: "At present in terms of exploration for gold. Tanzania is the number one country in Africa. The growth in African gold production is coming from Tanzania and if anybody wants to explore in Africa they will be try-ing to get a position there. A big catalyst is that the Government has improved the physical code greatly to encourage foreign investment in the mining sector. And geologically Tanzania is favourable because the rocks are very similar to the big prov-

inces of Western Australia." Ashanti, based in Ghana, moved into Tanzania in 1996 with the purchase of the Geita property from Cluff Resources. And last year it sharply expanded the size of the proposed mine there with the acquisition of Samax Gold, whose Kukuluma licences were adjacent to the Geita site, and so have enabled Ashanti to develop the two properties as a single giant mine, scheduled to produce

400,000 ounces a year. Mr Cowley said the Geita mine would operate on a cash

an ounce compared with Ashanti's average cash costs of production of \$218. The Golden Pride project is expected to produce an annual average of 180,000 ounces of gold at a cash cost of less than \$200 per ounce. Mr Cowley said: "In today's market you have to have low cash costs. We are all lowering our costs just to keep up with each other. If you can't get your costs down then you won't survive.

cost of production of just \$170

clays Capital, the lead syndicate banker on the Golden Pride project, said that Tanzania has three factors working in its favour outside South Africa it is one of the top three countries in Africa in terms of gold mineralisation prospectivity; it has seen big changes in its mining law; and it has not been affected by huge amounts of conflict. He explained: "You start to see a fairly rosy picture. The whole goldmining sector in Tanzania could significantly change the country's economic performance. Within five years they could be producing a million and a half ounces of gold a year which would put them quite significantly on the map."

Gerard Holden, global head

of mining and metals at Bar-

anzania has a long history of goldmin-ing dating back to the turn of the first millennium when Arabs settled on the east coast to purchase the gold produced by African workers. The first commercial mines were developed in 1909 by German colonists after the liscovery of gold in the Lake Victoria area, and by 1939 gold was one of Tanzania's biggest

The late 1960s and 1970s, however, saw a steep decline in production, and the industry virtually ground to a halt, with just 84 ounces sold in 1975 as the country pursued a policy of ujamaa — African socialism — under Julius Nyerere, Tanzania's first President.

The Tanzanian Government confidently expects a gold boom in the next two years. Opening the Golden Pride mine, Presi-dent Mkapa said: "There is a boom in mineral exploration in the country for gold, base metals, diamonds and uranium, despite the current low prices in the market. That speaks a lot for the quality and abundance of our resources."

Payment of Dividend

The 45th Annual General Meeting of our shareholders gassed the resolution to pay a dividend for the fiscal year 1997/98 of DM 14.00 and a bonus of DM 2.00 per share of DM 50.00 par value.

Payment will be effected against presentation of coupon No. 11. Payment on DM 10.00 Deposit Certificates will be effected at the rate of DM 3.20 against presentation of coupon No. 38. Both payments are subject to deduction of 26.375 % of German

Withholding Tax (including solidarity surtax). United Kingdom Income Tax will be deducted at the rate of 5 % unless claims are accompanied by an affidavit. German Withholding Tax exceeding 15 % is recoverable by United Kingdom residents. The Company's United Kingdom Paying Agents will, upon request, provide the appropriate form for

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payable at the rate of exchange on the day of presentation. Claims concerning DM 10.00 Deposit Certificates should be lodged at National Westminster Bank PLC, NatWest Investments Counter, c/o NatWest Markets, 1st Floor, 135 Bishopsgate, London EC2M 3UR,

on special forms obtainable from that Office. United Kingdom Banks and Members of the Stock Exchange should mark payment of the dividend in Space No. 38 provided on the back of the certificate. All other claimants must complete the special form and present this at the above address together with the certificates for marking by the National Westminster Bank PLC. Postal applications

The net payment in respect of DM 10.00 Deposit Certificates will be made in sterling at the rate of exchange on or shortly after the due date. Board of Management



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WORD-WATCHING Answers from page 31

(a) One versed in harmony or music; a musician. A word constructed from harmony copying musician. Holland, Plutarch's Moralia, 1603: "Lasus the harmonian brought a greate change

the beginning of an enterprise.

(c) A soup made of various vegetables, especially carrots, chopped and cooked in meat broth. 1722, presumably a kitchen eponym from a cook named Jules or Julien. (c) A chest, box or coffer. In Scotland the specific form for a serv-

ant's trunk. "The instances where an organ - or a kist o' whis-

tles, as this noble instrument has been termed - has gained favour in a Scottish congregation, are exceptional." (b) To give handsel (to a person); to present with, give or offer, something auspicious at the commencement of the year or day,

SOLUTION TO WINNING MOVE 1 Bel! Threatening 2 Qh6+ Qh7 3 Bb2+ leaves Black with no good defence, e.g. 1 ... Qg7 2 Bb2t Qxb2 3 Qh6 checkmate

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REVIEW

slightly roguish but loveable chaps

from around the country. They are

like characters from an undated

Ealing comedy, always ready with

their cheeky smiles and, above the

Paul

Hoggart

dance of fly-on-the-wall documentaries has become as quixotic as complaining about bull-bars or middle-aged men wearing baseball caps.

We had two new examples this weekend: The Builders (BBC). Friday) and Shanghai Vice (Channel 4, Sunday). Both, in their way, broke new ground, Shanghai Vice because of the candour of the footage which Phil Agland has obtained from one of the most secretive societies in the world.

We followed the life of Miss Tang, a young medic who has moved to this throbbing city from the country. Shanghai was opened to the world three years ago. The colonial waterfront evokes Liverpool, the skyscrapers behind evoke Hong Kong. Tang goes everywhere with her landlady Mrs Feng. a Chaucerian widow, 65 and still chasing a good sex life.

features the Shanghai police, struggling to dam up a flood of heroin, brought into the city by impenetrable cliques of disaffected Muslims from the northwest provinces. Their methods are direct and brutal, and they don't care who knows it, apparently. They have not yet learnt how to manipulate television and are consequently fascinating to watch. My only regret is that, because Shanghai people speak very fast, and because it is harder to pick up signals from their unfamiliar intonation and gestures, you rely entirely on the subtitles which fly by so quickly that you hardly have time to ponder the images.

The Builders was groundbreaking in two senses. First literally -two of the outfits concerned dug up plots of grass to lay foundations for a new bungalow and a rear extension. More importantly, however, the programme has raised Most of the material, however, the docusoap to a previously

Overworked, overextended and overwrought as it is, this genre can still offer some perverse pleasure. There will be a character so dismal, an egomaniac so irritat-ing, that their mundane tergiversations take on a distasteful fascination. They offer the viewer a few drops of a drug as insidiously addictive as nicotine, cocaine or krispy corn-'n'-potato snax, namely a vague sense of superiority.

f like me, you see Jim, the annoying Gretna Green "blacksmith" on Love Town, as a bit of a prat, it follows that you yourself feel less of a prat by comparison. That feeling, though psychologically fatterning, is undoubtedly "moreish". Take it away and there is not much left.

back of their jeans, their smiley cheeks, always chasing another cuppa, darlin'. They are, we are led to believe. The Builders sets out to redress the bad reputation of Britain's friendly, honest and competent, builders by presenting us with a range of hard-working, chirpy, The main point of interest seems to be that they evoke chortling lust in

of guys drinking tea, laying concrete, grumbling that the free croissants are cold, knocking a wall down, building a wall up and

drinking more tea.

But the bad reputation of the building trade didn't just arrive in the post, like a misdirected parking fine. The nation's builders have made strenuous efforts over many decades to earn it, and it should not be thrown away in this cavalier fashion.

I now have a wonderful builder. I am relieved to say, but only after years of suffering the catalogue of bodging, procrastination, false estimates, flannelling, lack of consideration and downright deceit that most punters experience from most builders most of the time.

To add insult to injury, the perpetrators are usually cocky know-alls who genuinely believe that their unreliability, sharp-practice and ship. If we must have a docusoap on this national disgrace, why can't we follow a bunch of these Jack-the-lads, patting themselves on the back as they mess up innocent people's homes.

The horrible behaviour of a cowboy builder who once "converted" the house next door to our old home caused me to have elaborate fantasies involving his torture, mutilation and death. Many builders would make particularly gratifying victims for a series like Murder Most Horrid (BBC2, Friday).

Because the stories are "oneoffs" the quality is variable, but that is also the show's strength. You never know quite what to expect, although you can usually rely on a deliciously observed bit of character acting from Dawn French, it is not just that she has

the women they work for. Other-wise we are just watching a bunch inability to cut anything to size such a gift for faintly absurd represents the height of craftsman-mannerisms, but that she enacts them with such relish.

Frozen, last week's opener about two greedy prewar spinsters with a huge early model freezer, was a delightful bit of pastiche. The script consisted almost entirely of silly double-entendres of the type found on old seaside postcurds, but inventive and daft enough to

avoid Carry On crassness.
This week Going Solo with French and Sarah Lancashire as round-the-world yachtswomen. wasn't quite as chortlesome. There was a nifty bit of plotting, with those Agatha Christie reprises where the same scenes are shown twice from different characters' points of view, but the twist was still predictable. French turned in another virtuoso performance as a fantastically irritating sailing companion, and the show went some way to make good the damage left by The Builders.

BBC1

6.00am Business Breakfast (78352) 7.00 BBC Breakfast News (T) (90401) 9.00 Kilroy (T) (2924739) 9.45 The Vanessa Show (T) (7475401) 10.55 News; Regional News (T) (3466265)

11.00 Change That (3476642) 11.25 Can't Cook, Won't Cook (T) (3446401) 11.55 News; Regional News (T) (7331739) 12.00pm Call My Bluff (85420)

12.30 Wipeout (4907197) 12.55 The Weather Show (1) (53041197) 1.00 One O'Clock News; Weather (1)

1.30 Regional News; Weather (59963772) 1.40 Neighbours (T) (35003130) 2.05 Ironside (r) (5224975)

2.55 Through the Keyhole (r) (T) (6966410) 3.25 Children's BBC: Playdays (6860772) 3.45 The Littlesi Per Shop (5415623) 3.55 Bodger and Badger (9145555) 4.10 Pocket Dragon Adventures (6397449) 4.20 Anthony Ant (6133371) 4.35 Misery Guts (3444975) 5.00 Newsround (4103401) 5.10 Blue Peter (9803888)

5.35 Neighbours (r) (T) (836555) 6.00 Sbx O'Clock News; Weather (1) (97)

6.30 Regional News Magazine (59) 7.00 This is Your Life (T) (3284) 7.30 Watchdog Healthcheck (1) (1) 8.00 EastEnders Simon is suicidal (T) (9604)

8.30 Mrs Merton and Malcolm Plucky head a lesson (2/6) (T) (6739) 9.00 Nine O'Clock News; Regional News (T)

9.30 Animai Police (T) (30468)

10.00 Panorama A report on the British gynaecologist Dr Richard Neale, who came back to work in this country after register for incompetence (T) (651246)



Billy Connolly takes his trike for a ride across Australia (10.45pm)

10.45 Billy Connolly's World Tour Australia Billy visits Canberra, Botany Bay and Sydney (r) (T) (812555) 11.25 Harbour Lights Mike is alarmed by the behaviour of a Falklands veteran (r) (T) (326468)

12.15am Bandolero! (1968) Two outlaw brothers go on the run in the aftermath of a disastrous bank hold-up. Western by Andrew V McLaglen (T) (386598)

1.55 Weather (1767685) 2.00 BBC News 24 (3170043)

WALES: 6.30pm-7.00 Wales Today (T) (59) 10.00 (T) (547739) 11.15 Billy Connolly's World Harbour Lights (r) (T) (059333) 12.45am FILM: Bandolerol (T) (203640) 2.25 News Headlines (T) (9032111) 2.30-6.00 BBC News

BBC2

7.00am Children's BBC Breakfast Show: Pingu (7835420) **7.05** Teletubbies (5586820) **7.30** Snorks (8797333) **7.50** Blue Peter (3805604) 8.20 Taz-Mania (5493994) 8.40 Polka Doi Shorts (1441642) 8.50 Romuald the Reindeer (1447826) 9.00 Space Ark (7069642) 9.10 Short Circuit (4791517) 9.30 Writing and Pictures (8180623) 9.45 Storytime (8185178) 10.00 Teletubbles (94739) 10.30 Words and Pictures (9620352) 10.45 Cars' Eyes (9625807) 11.00 Look and Read (3646352) 11.20 Zig Zag (3593352) 11.40 Landmarks (6974333) 12.00pm Job Bank (4407401) 12.10 History File (5679130) 12.30 Working Lunch (18246) 1.00 Romuald the Reindeer (68360772)

1.10 The House Detectives (r) (41108468) 1.40 Hart-Davis on History (35024623) 2.10 Awash with Colour (56884772)

2.40 News; Regional News (T) (3638062) 2.45 Match of Their Day (T) (4015536) 3.25 News; Regional News (T) (4165868)

3.30 The Village (r) (9805420) 3.55 Kaye Open relationships (9820739) 4.25 Ready, Steady, Cook (T) (6509284) 4.55 Esther (f) (5584265)

5.30 Today's the Day (T) (36) 6.00 Hit, Miss or Maybe (r) (T) (134975) 6.15 The Simpsons Lisa and Bart write script for a TV show (T) (777604) 6.40 Space 1999 (r) (T) (917062)

7.30 Rough Guide to the World Edith Bowman and Dimitri Doganis explore the city of Cairo (2/6) (T) (3)

8.00 Raising the Roof Report on how leaseholders could have their rights taken away from them should someone buy their home's freehold (6/6) (T) (7246) 8.30 Food and Drink (T) (9081)

9.00 CHOICE Births, Marriages and Deaths Graham stumbles across a secret which has been kept from him for 25 years (2/4) (T) (574197) 9.55 Five Go Mad in the Kitchen (808449) 10.00 If I Ruled the World With Pauline McLynn and Hugh Dennis (84791)



A film presenting an intriguing look at the youth of Britain (11.15pm)

11.15 CHOICE Tribe UK New series offering people in Britain today (T) (696739) 11.55 Weather (845333)

12.00am Despatch Box (39531) 12.30 BBC Learning Zone: Open University The Authoritics and Ironical Historie of Henry V 1.30 What Was Modernism? 2.00 Schools Music - Marsalis on Music Taient 2000 Shorts 4.00 Discover ing Portuguese Portuguese Discovered 5.00 Business and Training, Skills for Work 5.45 Open University Copernicus and His World 6.10 Humanity and the Scattoid 6.35 Musee d'Orsay

5.30am ITN Morning News (14642) 6.00 GMTV (5188197) 9.25 Trisha (T) (8310826) 10.30 This Morning (T) (44925420) 12.15pm HTV News and Weather (T) (4413062)

12.30 ITN Lunchtime News: Weather (1) 1.00 Shortland Street (28284)

1.30 Home and Away (1) (37371) 2.00 The Jerry Springer Show (T) (5717888) 2:45 Dale's Supermarket Sweep (T) (205265) 3.15 ITN News Headlines (T) (4156130)

3.20 HTV News (1) (4186371) 3.25 CITV: Mopalop's Shop (4176994) 3.35 Kipper (9136807) 3.45 The Adventures of Captain Pugwash (9149371) 4.00 Oggy and the Cockroaches (5872130) 4.20 It's a Mystery (5898178) 4.45 Sabrina the Teenage Witch (3468555)

5.10 WEST: Getaways (1) (T) (7268265) 5.10 WALES: Moneyspinners (T) (7268265) 5.40 ITN Early Evening News; Weather (1) (441536)

6.00 Home and Away (r) (T) (776975) 6.25 WEST: HTV Weather (882771) 6.25 WALES: Wales Tonight; Weather (I)

6.30 The West Tonight (1) (5) 6.56 HTV Crimestoppers (817081)
7.00 Wish You Were Here? Melinda
Messenger visits Greaca, Jamie Theakston goes skiing in the Swiss Alps and Cleo Rocos explores Naples, while Anthea Turner treks through the Himalayan foothills (1) (8352)

7.30 Coronation Street (T) (9) 8.00 Undercover Customs (1) (4772) 8.30 Carol Vordenman's Better Homes Carol and her team of handymen take their tools to Port Sunlight on the Wirrel



Amanda Burton stars in the climax of

9.00 Forgotten Dexter realises Ben saved his life, but that doesn't stop him from telling the police about his past - and soon the whole village knows a child killer is living among them. (3/3) (T) (3517) 10.00 News at Ten: Weather (T) (88517)

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11.40 WALES: Nash Bridges (T) (759772) 11.40 Swift Justice (r) (759772) 12.40am Football Extra (1311424) 1.40 World Football (r) (1057111) 2.10 The Raven (1963) Roger Corman's

horror spool about a deadly feed between two 15th-century sorcerers Stamng Vincent Price and Boris Karloff Directed by Roger Corman (2404666)

3.40 Trisha (r) (T) (2182666) 4.40 ITV Nightscreen (59706111) 5.00 Coronation Street (r) (T)(24260)

CENTRAL

As HTV West except 12.20-12.30pm Central News (7651130)

1.00 High Road (28284) 1.30 The Jerry Springer Show (6132739) 2.15-2.45 Home and Away (206994) 3.20-3.25 Central News (4186371)

5.10-5.40 Shortland Street (7268265) 6.25-7.00 Central News; Weather (218178) 10.30-10.40 Central News (828246) 11.40 The Big Match (719771)

12.10-12.40am Short Story Cinema (3047043) 4.35 Central Jobfinder '99 (2614802) 5.20-5.30 Asian Eye (3708314)

WESTCOUNTRY

As HTV West except: 12.15pm-12.27 Westcountry News; Weather (T) (4413062) 12.27-12.30 Illuminations (7676449) 1.00 High Road (T) (28284) 1.30 The Jerry Springer Show (T) (6132739) 2.15-2.45 Home and Away (T) (206994) 3.20-3.25 Westcountry News; Weather (T) (4186371) 5.08 Birthday People (4165212) 5.10-5.40 Home and Away (T) (7268265) 6.00-7.00 Westcountry Live (T) (13791) 10.30-10.40 Westcountry News; Weather (T) (828246) 11.40-12.40 The Wright Verdicts (759772)

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(r) (35030284) 1.55 English Without Tears (1944) An aristocratic belie fails for her butler but the course of true love never runs smoothly. Cornedy, starring Penelope Ward. Directed by Harold French (7)

(75622710) 3.30 Collectors' Lot (T) (33) 4.00 Fifteen-to-One (T) (8) 4.30 Countdown (T) (3461642) 4.55 Montel Williams (1) (5579333)

5.30 Pet Rescue (T) (84) 6.00 Roseanne (r) (T) (17) 6.30 Hollyoaks (T) (7)

7.55 The 1999 Citibank Private Bank Photography Prize (T) (951284) CHOICE To the Ends of the Earth in 1935, the Titanic was discovered on the bed of the icy North Atlantic ocean where it sank in 1912. Since then a bitter battle has raged in the

7.00 Channel 4 News; Weather (1) (577997)

the all-fated passenger liner (2/6) (T) 9.00 CHRICE Shanghai Vice Continuing the documentary locusing on sinne-in-the city of Shanghai (2/7) (1)

US courts over what should become of



Christian Slater stars as the cutt radio hero (10pm)

10.00 Pump Up the Volume (1990) A shy, discontented student overcomes his inhibitions and starts a pirate radio station. Teen drama, directed by Allan Moyle (T) (872554)

(830401) 11.56 Fetch (830401)

12.00am Surf's Up! (6432173) 12.10 Inbetween (2598111) 12.30 Mrs Buchan (1808956) 12.45 More is Less (5285685) 1.10 Dispatches (r) (T) (9217937)

1.40 Powerhouse (r) (1055753) 2.10 Right to Reply (r) (T) (9637314) 2.35 Rural Rides (r) (4871208)

3.30 Seven Days Under Mavis (r) (73173) 4.00 Schools: Auf Deutsch 14-19 (320314) 5.40 Schools at Work (4024869)

6.00am 5 News and Sport Headlines, sport and business (3103082) 7.00 WideWorld Part seven. Children's often

difficult transition into formal education (r) (1) (8352555) 7.30 Milkshake! (2877081) 7.35 Wimzie's House (r), 5 News Update

(4856710) 8.00 Havakszoo (r) (2079333)

8.30 Dappledown Farm (r); 5 News Update 9.00 Was it Good for You? (r) (8260771) 9.25 Russell Grant's Postcards (4638352)

9.30 The Oprah Winfrey Show (9530951) 10.20 Sunset Beach Cole goes on the offensive (T) (3825994) 11.10 Leeza (8349053) 12.00pm 5 News at Noon (T) (2072420)

12.30 Family Affairs Pele is funous with Claire (r) (T); 5 News Update (1450642) 1.00 The Bold and the Beautiful Michael rights her feelings (T) (23105826)

1.25 The Roseanne Show With actress Jennifer Tilly (r): 5 News Update (1395913) 2.00 100 Per Cent Gold (9338642)

2.30 Good Afternoon Lifestyle magazine. incorporating real-life soap Liverpool Murns, Eric knowles with Selling the Family Silver and word game Cryplogram, 5 News Update (1936)30) 3.30 The Punch and Judy Man (1962) Downbeat comedy drama, starring Tony Hancock as a seaside entertainer whose hatred of snoobery ruins the local

mayor's gala celebrations. With Sylvia Syms. Directed by Jeremy Summers (T) (2590587) 5.20 Sunset Beach Shown earlier (r) (T), 5 News Update (3909420)

6.00 100 Per Cent Computer-generated quiz 6.30 Family Affairs Claire wakes up battered and bruised (T) (2663975)

7.00 5 News; Weather Kirsty Young rounds up the day's stories (T) (9309130) 7.30 Champions of Nature Efforts to protect the polar bear's fragile natural habitat, currently endangered by pollution (T); 5 News Update (2669159)

8.00 Instant Gardens Jac Flower continues Messenger's country garden by commissioning a stonemason and an artist to build a pagan statue (4/14) (T) (9325178)

8.30 Animal ER The vets help release a pregnant mare entangled in barbed wire (3/6) (1); 5 News Update (9337913) 9.00 All She Ever Wanted (TVM 1995)

Powerful drama, starring Marcia Cross as a woman suffering from a debilitating medical condition who rejects medical mother. Directed by Michael Scott (T)

10.50 Dr Fox's Chart Update Pop hits (8681159). 10.55 V The aliens attempt to steal the Earth's water supply (r) (36167604)

12.50am Live and Dangerous Day four of the Winter X Games (65422482) 4.40 Prisoner: Cell Block H (7363482) 5.30 100 Per Cent (r) (8044289)

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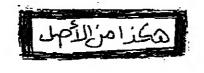
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Trinity's £1bn bid hots up fight for Mirror

By RAYMOND SNODDY, MEDIA EDITOR

THE battle for control of Mirror Group began in earnest over the weekend as Trinity. the UK's largest regional newspaper group, tabled an indicative share and cash offer worth more than El billion for the newspaper and televi-

sion group. The Trinity offer, which is priced in the range of 205p to 215p a share, came as rival bidder, Regional independent Media, publisher of the Yorkshire Post, decided to play a longer game. Rather than reveal its hand by submiting a new bid. RIM will, instead, make a formal application this week to the Department of Trade and Industry for permission to acquire Mirror Group, publisher of The Mirror, Sunday Mirror and Daily Record.

This will trigger an automatic Monopolies and Mergers Commission investigation, which will take at least three months. The move by Trinity is a reversal of the previous roles

of the two rivals for the group. Trinity withdrew from earlier talks while RIM made the running with a 200p a share cash offer. Now it is likely that the future ownership of the national and regional newspaper company will not be decided until after an MMC inquiry into both the Trinity and RIM approaches.

deemed to be in an offer period. The company will bring forward its annual results. which could be announced as early as today but certainly early this week. Pre-tax profits of more than E72 million are expected, compared with £63.3 million in the previous year. Trinity's hope is that the performance will boost its share price and in turn help to improve the value of any share

offer for Mirror Group. Mirror Group itself will announce its results on Thursday with pre-tax profits of £101 million before exceptionals expected up from £93 million last time. Analysts are currently pitching their takeover valuations in the region of 220p to 230p per share.

The inevitable delay in the determination of Mirror Group's future could place limits on the ability of John Allwood, chief executive, to act. He is believed to be looking at the sale of Mirror's 20 per cent stake in Scot-tish Media and Live TV. How-ever, the Takeover Panel may decide that such disposals can-not be made in an offer period.

Trinity's strongest card is the preference of Phillips & Drew Fund Management, Mirror's largest shareholder, for a paper deal. It has a large number of big stakes in underperforming companies, and bought its stake at a high price. The fund manager is unlikely to accept cash unless it realises a significant profit, implying an offer price as high as 250p a share.

RIM, a private company, believes that The Mirror and in particular the Sunday titles. Sunday Mirror and The People need considerable investment to turn them round and that can best be achieved away



Lift off: Canary Wharf is this week expected to confirm plans for a stock market float. Although the company that owns and develops the Docklands site has never formally confirmed that it intends to float, all the advisers are now in place and preparations are in hand for a spring market debut that would value the company at more than £2 billion. Story, page 45

C&W prepares for One-2-One flotation

BY RAYMOND SNODDY

CABLE & WIRELESS, the international telecommunications group, is onsidering a flotation of One-2-One, the mobile telephone operator.

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scribers but the whole mobile

The telecoms group plans to cash in on investor enchantment with mobile phone companies. Analysts believe that One-2-One, a 50-50 joint venture between C&W and Media-One, the US cable group, could be worth as much as E7 billion E5 billion after debt. One-2 -One is the smallest of Britain's four mobile phone companies

sector has seen rapid growth in recent months. Cable & Wireless shares have performed badly comfrom the gaze of the City. nared with rivals such as BT. underperforming the telecommunications sector by 63 per cent over the past 12 months. The company believes that a flotation could release some of

Some analysts have wondered whether C&W would be prepared to sell its stake in the mobile company. C&W's new chief executive, Graham Wallace, made it clear in an interview last week that he sees mobile as a continuing part of the group, as one of the ways of de-

livering services to customers. C&W is more likely to be a purchaser of the MediaOne stake rather than a seller. However, Mr Wallace ex-

Corporate profile.

plained that the relationshin with MediaOne is a good one and there is absolutely nothing that needs fixing.

The float of a minority stake in the mobile group would help to put a market price on the company. The decision on whether or not to float One-2 the value hidden in One-2 One will be one of the first to be taken by Mr Wallace since

taking over. C&W has been an underperformer because of uncertainty over its 54 per cent stake in HongKong Telecom and years of management in-stability, which the City hopes has been ended by the appointment of Mr Wallace.

C&W declined to comment esterday on its future plans for One-2-One. Apart from the likely One-2 One initiative Mr Wallace

will concentrate on accelerating Cable & Wireless's plans to create a global data network based on the Internet.

Any initial offering of One-2 One would be a minority interest, probably in the region of 25 per cent of the business. The ultimate ownership situation could then be clarified at

a later date. The obvious template is the success of Orange which was floated by Hutchison Whampoa and British Aerospace in 1996 and is now valued at

Further rate cut expected

BY ALASDAIR MURRAY ECONOMICS CORRESPONDENT

THE City is optimistic that the Bank of England will again cut rates when the Monetary Policy Committee meets

Although the MPC has reduced rates from a peak of 7.5 per cent to 5.5 per cent, analysis believe there are few signs that the Bank is ready to call a halt to its cutting spree. The Bank still believes

there are significant downside risks. Eddie George, the Gov-ernor, said yesterday that there was little that he could do to further ease the pain suf-fered by the manufacturing sector. "I could seek to ease the pain but only by giving an aspirin and actually the underlying pain would be worse lat-er on if I did," He added, however, that he thought the chances that Britain suffered a technical recession during the first part of this year were only about "one in four".

Virgin on BA's tail with Union Jack design

By SAEED SHAFI

VIRGIN ATLANTIC is to adopt the Union Jack in a new design for its aircraft to be unveiled later this year in a move intended to mock arch-rival British Airways, which dropped the national flag from its taillin, to much decision,

two years ago.

The new Virgin livery may feature the flag on the tailfins of its aircraft. BA said yesterday that it would press ahead with its new multicultural look, announced in June 1997. It has already painted 200 of its 350 aircraft with a range of inter-nationally inspired designs, in

place of "British" livery. Paul Moore, a spokesman for Virgin, said: "Although we're an international company, we're proud to be British." Virgin has spent "tens of thousands" of pounds on the new design for the outside of

its aircraft, which will number

30 by the end of this year, in contrast to the millions spent by British Airways to come up with its multicoloured "ethnic"

designs.
· Richard Branson's airline will also unveil a new interior refit, costing £25 million to £30 million, which follows BA with a seat for business or "upper" class that can be made completely flat for sleeping. Virgin will also announce that it has applied for a route to Chicago. New routes to Chicago, Shanghai and New York will generate 500 extra jobs.

For its part, BA, which has been losing market share in business class, has begun a significant internal restructuring. which will divide the company into short-haul (UK and Europe) and two long-haul businesses, one for Asia and the Middle East, and the other for

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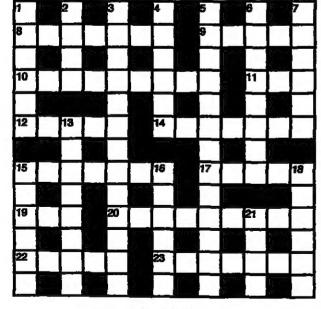
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HoJo hotels enter UK

BY DOMINIC WALSH

PREMIER HOTELS, the budget hotel operator, is bring-ing the Howard Johnson (HoJo) and Days Inn brands to the UK in a £300 million development project.

Building has beguin at two sites as part of a franchise agreement signed last year with Cendant, the troubled US consumer services group that owns the Days Inn. Howard

Johnson, Ramada and Super 8 and six under construction. budget hotel brands.

Although Cendant's hotel brands are little known internationally, they dominate US economy lodging. Days Inn claims to be the world's biggest hotel brand, with more than 2,000 hotels, and Howard Johnson has 650, although only 150 are outside the US. Premier Hotels is already a big Holiday Inn Express fran-

Under its deal with Cendant, it plans to open 60 Howard Johnson and Days Inn units in the next three years. Premier aims to open more than 1,000 rooms in London alone, and the first hotel will be a £9 million, 162room Days Inn near the Imperial War Museum, due to open in November. In West Bromwich, work has begun on an £8 million, 140-room Howard chisee, with seven units open Johnson, to open in October:

Hinchliffe quick on the draw as cartoon investor

STEPHEN HINCHLIFFE the Sheffield businessman ac cused by the Serious Fraud Office of ten counts of corrup

tion, is trying to revive his career with children's cartoons. He is in talks to buy the rights to Sunshine Sammy's Battle of the Elements, a cartoon dreamt up by Jim Stanton Barber, a 71-year-old inventor who became a millionaire by devising a draught ex-cluder. Sunshine Sammy is also being backed by Patrick Moore, the astronomer.

Mr Hinchliffe is expected to run the business with his son James from Parkhead Hall. Sheffield - the same offices he used to control his Facia retail empire before it collapsed. Mr Stanton Barber, a friend of Mr Moore, said: Poor old Stephen has had a

real bashing and been ac-cused of commanship, when he didn't do any conning. He

is completely honest, quite

shy and a very very nice chap



Mr Hinchliffe, still being investigated by the Department of Trade and Industry over Facia's collapse, said yesterday that talks over the cartoon venture are still at an early stage.

However, minutes of a meet-

Hinchliffe and Mr Stanton

Barber state that Mr Hinchliffe has agreed to buy the sole trading rights to Prime Concepts, the company that owns the rights to the cartoon. Mr Stanton Barber said: "It's a done deal. Stephen has not put his signature to it because that is not the way he does business, but he has promised he won't go back on his

As he is legally forbidden from being a director, his role in Prime Concepts is "main in-vestor". Mr Stanton Barber. who has spent ten years devel-oping Prime Concepts, said: This cartoon should go on to make billions. If I get 13 per cent of billions, I won't com-

Mr Stanton Barber says he is to talk this month to Michael Caine, the actor. about investing in Sunshine Sammy.

The cartoon's characters. based on the weather, include General Thunderhead Jack ing in January between Mr Frost and Monsoon Mary.



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